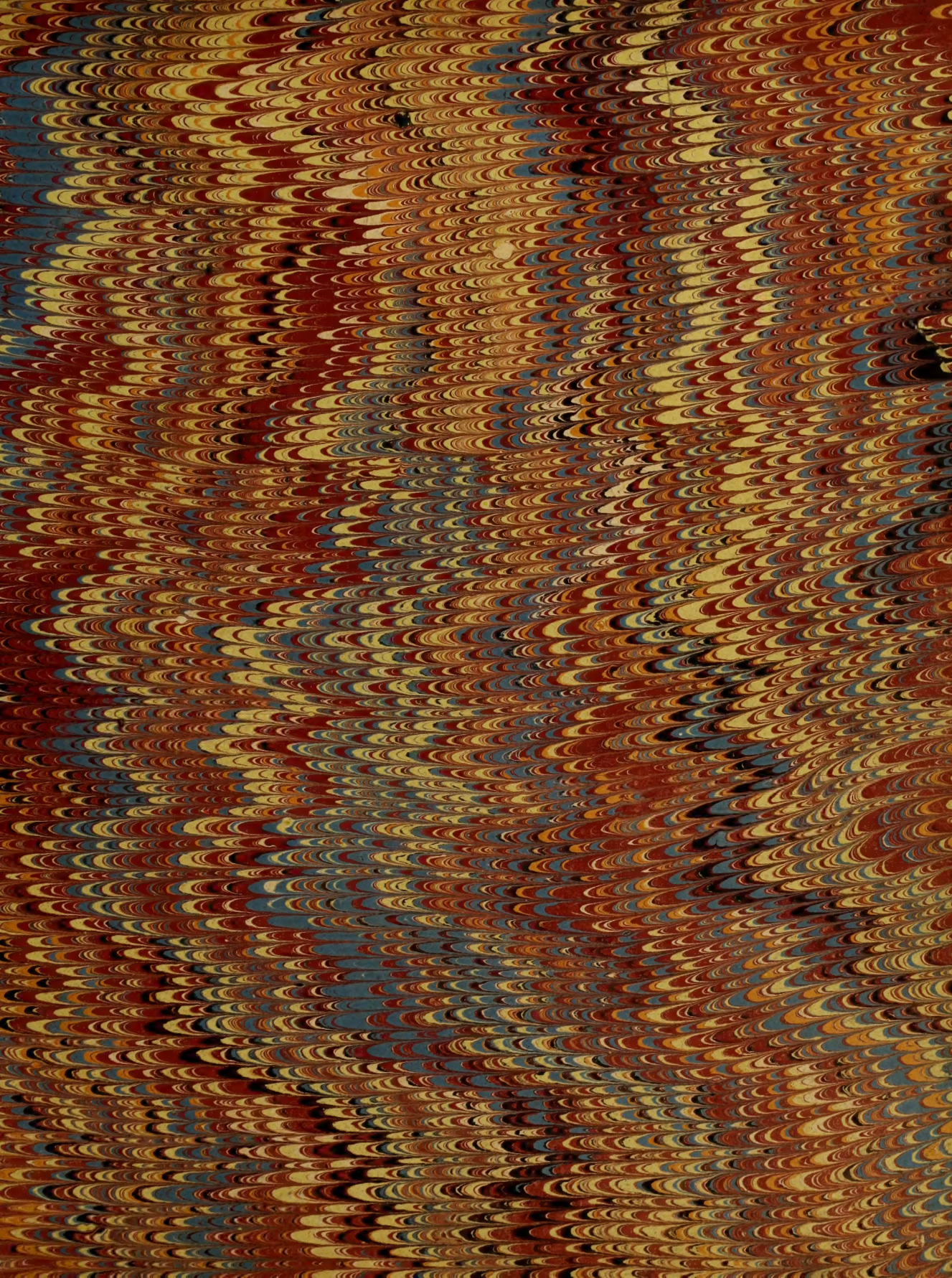


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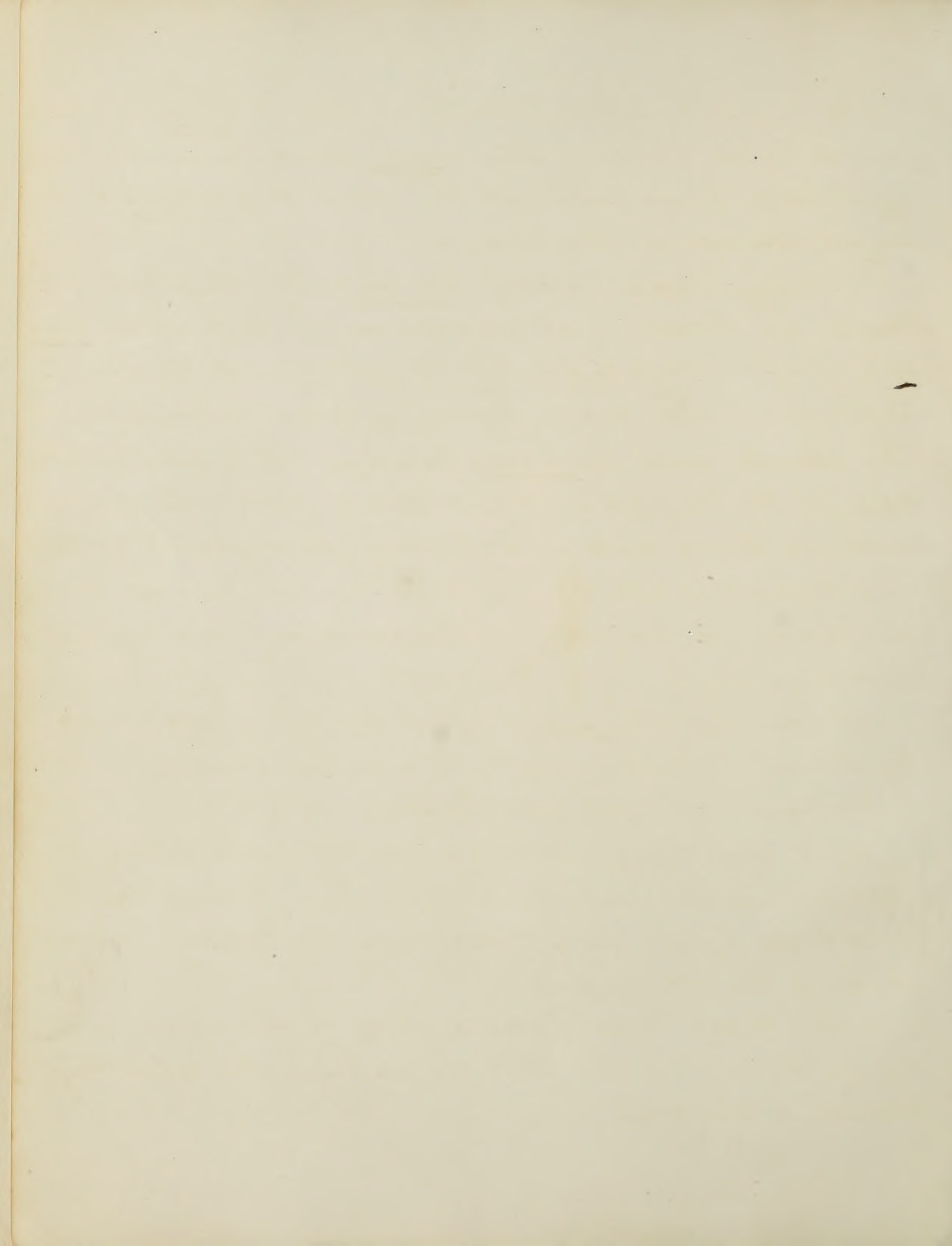
Journal of the
Unitarian Church.

First Parish

Medfield.

Mass.

1867 - 1868



In August & September 1867 - this Church was improved & beautified. The organ was tuned. New knobs were furnished for the doors & umbrella stands placed in the entry.

The walls were nicely frescoed by Brown & Strands of Boston, at an expense of \$400. The wood work inside was painted by the painters of the town.

These items were paid for by general subscription.

The church was carpeted throughout at a cost of \$400, defrayed by the Ladies' Social Circle from a fund collected at sewing meetings held every fortnight, & at previous festivals. The Carpet was crimson & black & purchased, at low terms, of Goldthwaite, Snow & Knight, Boston.

A coal-oil Chandelier, six burners, was given by Daniel D. Curtis Esq. It was purchased of Wm B. Williams, 111 Milk St. Boston. Price \$40.

Eight side lights procured at the same place & costing about \$30, were given by Chas. Uxman Esq.

The old lights were placed in the gallery & also parts of the old Carpet.

The Pulpit was lowered & so modernized as to require no platforms for preaching; the lights being placed in the rear.

Rev. James Henry Wiggin, of Second Congregational Parish, Marblehead, was called to the pastorate of this Society in the summer. The call was accepted, & Mr. Wiggin entered upon his duties in September 1867. The church being closed for repairs, services were held in Curtis Hall, which was filled to overflowing, during the month of September, five Sundays.

The terms of Rev. Mr. Wiggin's settlement were very simple - a salary of \$1200 & a notice of three months on either side in case of separation.

Before accepting the call, Mr. Wiggin occupied the pulpit an additional Sunday & in place of a sermon in the p.m., after devotional exercises, he left the pulpit & spoke with the congregation about the propriety of having one sermon on Sunday instead of two. The plan seemed reasonable to the people & was adopted; Mr. Ellis Allen frankly expressing some objection thereto, though not in a personal way.

Under this dispensation the church was finally opened in October 1868 - where this Journal begins.

It is the pastor's custom to preach his sermons without reading them, though the manuscript is carefully prepared. This greatly lengthens the time needed for pulpit preparation.

Morning 10 1/2. Oct. 6. 1867.

Opening Services.

Lovely Day & Full Church.

The Pulpit was trimmed with flowers & Autumn leaves, & the Communion table decorated with a slender pyramid of white flowers, surmounted by a cross, - all arranged by Miss Ada Moore & Miss Fisher.

Below & above the frescoed Cross behind the pulpit, are the mottoes in fresco, "God is Love", selected by the Pastor, & "Holiness becometh thine house & Lord forever", Psalm 93^d, Chosen by Mr. Chas. Hamant.

The Pastor introduced the service with the passage containing these Scriptures.

I Tim. 3: 1-7 & Mt 3. were also read.

Hymns. Cheshire Collection. 791-761-765.

Appropriate to the occasion.

The Sermon was on the Radicalism & Conservation of the Denomination, (the Pastor Sympathizing with much of the Radical Spirit & aim but not with Radical methods,) & closed with a direct address to the people on the new pastoral relation. Text. Matt. 3: 10. " & now also the axe is laid unto the Root of the trees."

The sum of \$46, afterwards made up \$50 by

Miss Elona Langley, was collected in the boxes for the American Unitarian Association.

Mr. & Mrs. Geo. W. Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Ellis Allen, & Miss & Mrs. Wm. Hendins, were chosen delegates to the Norfolk Co. Conference to meet at Sherborn

II.

At the close of morning service the Sunday School was called together for the first time since July.

A general lesson was given by the Pastor on the Division of the Bible into Testaments & Books, & a special lesson on Matthew's Gospel. 81 present.

A class of young ladies invited the Pastor's wife to be the teacher & she consented.

III.

A Special Service was held according to the annexed programme. This service had been postponed from the previous week owing to the unfinished state of the church.

Wed. Oct. 9. the Norfolk Co. Conference at Sherborn was attended by the Delegates & other persons from the parish to the number of 25.

Subject discussed, "Communion Service". Pastor spoke.

*The programmes were the
Gift of John Wilson Jr —
Cambridge.*



Unitarian Church, Medfield, Mass.



SUNDAY EVENING, Oct. 6, 1867.

SIX O'CLOCK.



ORDER OF SERVICES

AT THE

Re-Opening of this House of Worship,

AND THE RECOGNITION OF

REV. JAMES HENRY WIGGIN

"AS PASTOR AND STATED MINISTER OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
PARISH."



Order of Services.

I. ORGAN VOLUNTARY.

II. ANTHEM BY THE CHOIR.

Hallelujah.

III. INVOCATION.

BY REV. E. GIFFORD, OF WEST DEDHAM.

IV. STATEMENT BY THE PASTOR.

~~V. SPECIAL ADDRESS~~

~~BY REV. JOSEPH ALLEN, D.D., OF NORTHBORO'.~~

Absent on account of weather.

VI. HYMN.

By Dr. Worthington

O God, whose presence glows in all
Within, around us, and above !
Thy word we bless, thy name we call,
Whose word is truth, whose name is love.

That truth be with the heart believed
Of all who seek this sacred place ;
With power proclaimed, in peace received,
Our spirit's light, thy spirit's grace.

That love its holy influence pour,
To keep us meek and make us free,
And throw its binding blessings more
Round each with all, and all with thee.

Send down its angel to our side, —
Send in its calm upon the breast ;
For we would know no other guide,
And we can need no other rest.

VII. SERMON.

BY REV. B. H. BAILEY, OF DEDHAM.

VIII. HYMN.

by John Pierpont.

O THOU, whose own vast temple stands,
 Built over earth and sea,
 Accept the walls that human hands
 Have raised to worship thee.

Lord, from thine inmost glory send,
 Within these courts to bide,
 The peace that dwelleth, without end,
 Serenely by thy side.

May erring minds that worship here
 Be taught the better way,
 And they who mourn, and they who fear,
 Be strengthened as they pray!

May faith grow firm, and love grow warm,
 And pure devotion rise,
 While round these hallowed walls the storm
 Of earth-born passion dies!

IX. FIRST READING OF THE SCRIPTURES.

BY REV. HORATIO ALGER, OF SOUTH NATICK.

X. PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

BY REV. J. M. MERRICK, OF FOXBORO'.
*Part taken by Rev. Mr. Alger**Absent on account of his wife's severe illness.*

XI. INTERLUDE BY THE CHOIR.

"Now to the Lord"

XII. SECOND READING OF THE SCRIPTURES.

BY REV. GEORGE PROCTOR, OF DOVER.

XIII. PRAYER OF RECOGNITION.

BY REV. WILLIAM BROWN, OF SHERBORN.

XIV. RESPONSE ON THE ORGAN.

XV. ADDRESS TO THE PARISH.

BY REV. WILLIAM B. SMITH, OF WALPOLE.

XVI. CONCLUDING PRAYER.

BY REV. C. S. LOCKE, OF WEST DEDHAM.

XVII. DOXOLOGY.

To be sung by the Congregation to the tune of "Old Hundred."

FROM all that dwell below the skies
 Let the Creator's praise arise;
 Let the Redeemer's name be sung,
 Through every land, by every tongue.

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
 Eternal truth attends thy word:
 Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
 Till suns shall rise and set no more.

XVIII. BENEDICTION.



*Rev. C. C. Sewall entirely declined
 the joint, written invitation of Rev. C. C.
 & ~~Concord~~ to take part in these services.*

October 13. 1867.

IV

Morning. The Pastor exchanged pulpits with Rev. C. Gifford recently ordained at West Sedham.

Mrs. Gifford preached a sermon on "Christ's Advent." Luke 2:11. "Unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord".

Church well filled.

Mrs. Wiggins preached twice in West Sedham.

V.

Sunday School. Pastor Absent.

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Address by Rev. Mr. Gifford who returned to West Sedham in time to hear Mrs. Wiggins in p.m.

VI.

Eve. at 7. Lecture by the Pastor.

"How Earthly Treasure is Laid up in Heaven".

Matt. 6:19 & 20. "Lay not up for yourselves" &c.

Bible. 6:19 through the Chapter.

Hymns. 553-773-206.

Excellent music by the Choir.

"Flowers on the Table".

Weather fine & sunny. Moonlight in the eve.

Other Parochial Events
in October

Thurs. Eve. Oct. 10.

Teachers Meeting at Pastor's Residence.

Books &c. discussed.

Mrs. Jos. Allen engaged to teach the children to sing.

Sat. Oct. 12. Rain.

Mr. Walter Russell buried from his father's house.
Service by the Pastor. Aged 24.

Mon. Oct. 21. Eve.

Meeting at Pastor's House to arrange a Magazine Club.

Pastor made Secretary & Treasurer.

22 families at \$5 each make \$110 - expended
gradually for 15 periodicals & various other books.

Thurs. Eve. Oct. 31.

Conference. The 1st of a series was held at the
Pastor's House.

Singing good, the pastor playing the piano.

Subject. "The Thoughts of God". Miss Eliz. Richardson took
part in the Conversation.

Cemetery Service. Removal of Walter Russell from
tomb to grave. Oct. 22. 1867. Prayers &c.

October 20. 1887.

VII.

Hymns. 726-511-533. Death & Affliction

Bible. I Cor. 15:35 - through the Chapter.

Sermon on the "Relation of this Life to the next".

I Cor. 15:38. "Unto every seed his own body".

Some of the Service appropriate to the death of Mrs.
Walter Russell.

Bouquet from Miss Lida Moore.

Indian Summer. Hull.

VIII.

Sunday School.

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Pastor's Lesson on Matthew & Mark, & Review.

Oct. 27. 1867

IX.

Bible. Psalm 51. Sin.

Hymns. 53-389-371. Repentance.

Sermon. "The Nature of Sin. Is Sin Infinite?"

Luke 15:21. "I have sinned against Thee & in thy sight."

The Congregation remained in their seats after service & it was decided by the Committee, none opposing, that hereafter service should be at 1³/₄ in the Afternoon, instead of in the morning, as many by reason of health, distance or business, cannot well attend in the morning during the winter.

Indian Summer. Full.

X.

Sunday School. at noon.

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Pastor's Lesson upon First Peter. & Review, dwelling upon Peter's Life, Death, Impetuousity &c.

Mr. Jos. Allen gave the School a 1st lesson in singing.

A Bible Class was formed for the study of the book of Job, the Pastor using Chzyes' Translation revised.

November. 3. 1867.

XI.

Special Communion Service.

administered thus & by the Pastor for the first time.

Hymns. 39-644-635.

Bible. Mark. 14:12-25.

Short address on Mark 14:25. Jesus last food.

Naturalness of Communion Service illustrated by the example of Mr. Edgar Lundekoppe on his dying bed.

Music on the Organ while the elements were passed.

XII.

Noon. Sunday School.

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Pastor's Lesson on the Life of Paul - & Review.

Music Drill & Bible Class Continued.

XIII.

Regular Service.

Hymns. 177-688-876. the latter (Wotton's hymn) sung yesterday at Gov. John Albion Andrew's funeral in Boston.

Bible. John 10:1-18. Parable of Sheep.

Sermon. John 10:11-13. "The good Shepherd".

Difference between "Love & Service", closing with a reference to Gov. Andrew who expressed love in his public services.

Indian Summer. Full.

Parochial Events in Nov. 1867.

Mon. 4.

Visit paid by pastor & wife with several parishioners to Mr. Jas. Stephens', Medway - for families in Medway, Dover & ^{Dorham} ~~Waltham~~ belong to the Medfield Society.

Sewing Circle. Thur. Eve. 7. at Mrs. Geo. M. Smith's.

Ministerial Association.

With Rev. B. H. Bailey at Dorham. Wed. Nov. 6.

Sermon read on Joining the Church.

Dinner at hotel.

Conference. Thur. Eve. 14.

Mrs. Jos. Ware's. Miss Mattie Robinson plays the piano.

Subject, "Conscience". with some notes from Mrs. Fowler as the foundation. Rev. Speak.

Pastor Convalescent from a severe ^{attack of kidney disease.} ~~attack of Palsy~~.

State Services. Wed. Eve. 20th.

By invitation of Pastor, the Pastors & Committees of the three town Churches meet at his residence to arrange about such public occasions as Thanksgiving, Fast &c. Decided to have but one church on those days for preaching ^{as has for years been the custom;} & the wise not to be called Union, the ministers of the churches closed to act their own pleasure about attending. The matter now brought up by suggestion of the Baptist minister

Sun. Nov. 10. 1867.

XIV.

Sunday School at Noon.

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Conducted by Mr. Jos. Allen.

N.B. Mr. Allen was lately removed from the Westbrook Reform School on account of his liberal views both in Religion & finance; & for awhile, pending his decision about various offers received, more especially one from Andover N.Y. to conduct a training school; he resides on the homestead, where the Allens have lived for 6 generations.

XV.

Regular Service by new arrangement at 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ o'clock.
Sunday closing at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Rev. Benj. Holloway Bailey of Dedham exchanged with the Pastor. Bro. Bailey after a successful ministry in Dedham, is going to the First Parish, Portland, Maine, in Dec. & will be greatly missed from the pulpits of the Association.

Bible. "Parable of 10 Pounds."

Text. "Be watchful & strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die". Revs. 2:2.

Rainy; but attendance good.

Mr. Bailey heard Mr. Wiggin in his own church in the morning, & only reached Medfield in time for service.

Sun. Nov. 17. 1867.

XVI

Sunday School at Noon.

- 99 -

Pastor's Lessons: Life of Paul & Epistles to Thessalonians,
A School record book is now kept & the roll called
regularly every Sunday.

XVII

Regular Service. Centennial in Character.

Pastor had been severely ill but preached as usual.

Lev. 22:2. "The leaves of the tree were for the
healing of the Nations."

The uses of leaves which breathe for the tree, manifest
its character & help it to grow. This thought applied to
human life & character.

Hymns. 129-734-740. Autumn.

Bible. Last half of Luke 6th.

Cold & full. Rev. Thos. W. Jones in the Congregation for the
second Sunday.

Thanksgiving. Nov. 28.

Services at Orthodox Church & Conducted by their stated
supply, Rev. Mr. Brigham. Pastor, that being the
understanding, was not present but in Boston.

Some of the friends regretted the closing of our church on
account of family gatherings.

Sun. Nov. 24. 1867.

XVIII

Sunday School. Noon.

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A.M. Pastor preached for Rev. Wm B. Smith, Walpole, but returned in time for the school.

Lessons on Epistles to Thessalonians & Luke's Gospel.

A large map of Holy Lands, just procured from the Sunday School money at a cost of \$7.00 of E. P. Dutton & Co., used in the lessons. Mr. Geo. W. Kingsbury, Librarian, furnished the map stand & pointer.

XIX.

Regular Service at 2.

Hymns 381-475-248. The latter, "In the Cross of Christ I glory", the people sang spontaneously & with right good will to the tune of Wilmet.

Bible. John 15. first half. & Matt. 16:21-25.

Sermon. Matt. 16:24. "If any man will come after me, let him take up his cross." The Cross imposed & the Cross assumed. i.e. not involuntary but voluntary cross-bearing entitles to discipleship; i.e. unselfish, needful, Christian work.

Gov. Bullock's Thanksgiving Proclamation read.

A handsome Bible mark, the gift of the Pastor of Mrs. Grover, was used for the first time.

Parochial Events in Nov. 1867.

~~Rumors. It was rumored, especially on the 17th,~~
~~that the Pastor had been called to Dedham -~~
~~but the story was utterly without foundation.~~

Wedding. The eve. before Thanksgiving -

Mr. Frank Harding -

Jennie Robie of Taunton.

at residence of Bridegroom's father, Mrs. Nathan Harding.

Sun. Dec. 1st 1867.

XX.

Sunday School at noon.

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Pastor's Lessons on Luke's Gospel & "Galatians".

XXI

Regular Service by Pastor.

Hymns. 706-708-812. Thanksgiving.

Bible. Gen. 43. Joseph's brethren come to him for Corn.

Prayer: for Thanksgiving; allusions to inroads upon Rome, unlikelihood of Presidential Impeachment, recent wedding, the sick, peace, weather, parish.

Sermon. Gen. 43:16. Joseph's Order for a fraternal feast: "Bring these men home."

Home: its essentials & non essentials.

Non-essentials = House & Surroundings. Essentials, = Harmony, Toleration, Love, & Religion. Dissertation upon the lack of the word Home in French.

Parochial Events in Dec. 1867.

Coterie. Mon. Eve. 2^d.

Meeting, largely attended, at Mrs. Daniel Adams, to form a Coterie for mutual entertainment.

Sewing Circle. Wed. Eve. 4th.

Mrs. Moses Hartshorn.

Wedding. Ministers' House. Sun morn. 8th.

Henry J. Richardson, South Dedham.

Emma E. Howard - Walpole.

Organist of the church.

Coterie. Fri. eve. 13.

Mr. Chas. Hamant's - postponed on account of severe storm.

Norfolk Co. Conference. Hyde Park. 18th. Wed

Attended by Pastor, Albert Balch, Robert Pope, J. W. Page, Julia Ellis & Mrs. Mason of Boston, (widow)

Hon. John C. Park Presides.

Subject "Missionary work"

Essay by Dr. Morrison of Milton.

~~2^d Session - same.~~

Board of Officers reelected for ensuing year.

Excellent collation, sent in.

Sewing Circle. Even. 18. Auction.

Mrs. Geo. M. Smith's.

the old pulpit, tapestry, tassels &c. sold at Auction by Mr. Chas. Hamant for the Society. J. W. Page, acting as Clerk. A few things left from former fair were also sold by the same auctioneer for the Ladies' Society.

Coterie. 20th Again postponed by storm.

Coterie finally held at Mr. Chas. Hamant's on the evening of Christmas. House very full.

Several of the young ladies acted in the sitting room Hannah Moore's drama, "Moses in the Bulrushes" - Mrs. Morse, Ellen Morse, Amelia Clarke & Adie Moore, taking the speaking parts.

A philosophical experiment by Miss Bosworth, "setting the River afire."

Duetts on Pains & Plute by Miss Mattie Robinson & Mr. Jos. Ware.

Mrs. Walcott played the piano, & also the Pastor.

Mr. Goulding read "Enoch Arden boiled down".

Carry Frost recited "Winter Angels".

"Harp of Zion" " Miss Lizzie Richardson.

Some pictures & a Curious Masonic Programme were shown by Miss Langley.

Miss Julia Ellis showed us a Simple game.

Most of the pieces were repeated.

Miss Endora Shumway read a Prose Piece on "Autumn".

Coterie (Continued.)

Those who neither sang nor spoke &c. bid. 10 cts fine.
& the proceeds \$6.65, were given, as a Xmas present, to
Mrs. Hairbanks & her daughter, both in need & feebleness.

Conference. Thurs. 26. Mr. Jos. Clarke's.

Subject "Happiness".

Pastor, Miss Lizzie Richardson & Miss Mary Sewell talk.

Mr. Morse plays the melodeon

Mrs. Rebecca (Hartshorn) Richardson, a widow, living at her
brother Obed's, sick & loses the sight of one eye; the
other doubtful. Pastoral Call & Prayer the 27th.

Pastoral calls - once completed by Mr. Diggin early in the
month. Ninety Families.

Sun. Dec. 8. 1867.

XXII.

Sunday School. Noon.

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Pastor's Lessons: Galatians, Romans, First Thanksgiving at Plymouth in 1621.

XXIII.

Regular Service by Pastor.

Hymns. 122-323-65. "Salvation".

Bible. Acts 15:12 - through the Chapter.

Sermon. Acts 15:30. "What must I do to be saved?"

Nature of Salvation; not present nor future solely, nor from external merits, but from sin, & in character.

No music on the organ - the organist, Miss Emma Howard, having become Mrs. Richardson in the morning, & Mrs. Jos. Allen, who was expected to supply the deficiency, being out of practice.

Mr. & Mrs. Jos. Allen, Mr. Balch, Miss Julia Ellis & Mr. Balch chosen delegates to Annual meeting of Norfolk Co. Conference at Hyde Park.

Sun. Dec. 15. 1867.

XXIV

Sunday School at Noon.

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Mr. G. W. Kingsbury calls the roll.

Pastor returns in season for a lesson on "Rome", & Bible class, which generally fills several pews.

XXV.

Regular service by Rev. Wm B. Smith of Walpole on exchange.

Hymns. 106 - 402 - 95. Worship.

Bible. Luke. 5 vs. Ps 37.

Sermon. Ps 37: 8. "Trust not Thyself"

An excellent discourse on the Sin & Disease of fretfulness.

Weather stormy & cold.

The Walpole Church after having only one sermon for a few years decided last summer to resume two services. This month however the one sermon has been resumed. This being in the morning, the pastor returned in time for Mr. Smith's sermon.

Delegates to the Conference arranged about going.

Choir rehearsed some music for next Sunday night.

Congregation somewhat smaller than usual by reason of the weather & the funeral of Mrs. Olive Mason in the Orthodox Church.

Sun. Dec. 22. 1867

XXVI.

Sunday School at noon.

Pastor's Lesson on "Rome".

Rain & Slog; thin attendance. 73.

XXVII.

Rosefather's Day. Services appropriate thereto.

Hymns. 755-893-747. Pilgrim Hymns.

Bible. Rom. 9.

Sermon. Rom. 9:3-5. "I could wish myself accursed
The Family Pew emphasized by Protestations. The value
of Christianity asked by Advent Season, answered by
Rosefather's Day in the Family & Nation.

Service well attended, considering the storm.

The organ was played by Mrs. Walcott who has
recently moved into town, but belongs in Natick.

Sun. Dec. 22. 1867.

XXVIII.

Christmas Vespers. 7 in the eve.

Order.

1. Organ Voluntary. terminating softly & Continuing through -
2. "Veni Dimittis" read by Minister.
3. Anthem = Vesper Hymn.
4. Donetti's Carol. in "Harp & Cross" p 61.
- "It was the Calm & Silent Night" read by the Minister.
5. "Carmina Alterna" for Christmas; Minister & People.
6. Hymn 217. "Hark what mean those holy voices".
7. Prayer & Organ Response.
8. Isaiah 35.
9. Christmas Voluntary.
10. Luke 2:1-20.
11. Hymn 219. "Calm on the listening ear of night".
12. Sermon - Luke 2:11. "This Day".
- Why & When Dec. 25 was selected for Christmas.
13. Lord's Prayer.
14. Hymn 60. Congregational. "Wilmut".
15. Benediction.

Sermon closed with Mrs. Stow's: "We mark the day when on us rose".
First time Vesper Service was ever held in this Church.
Mr. Frank Vaneant played the organ.
Weather very unfavorable.

Sun. 29. Dec. 1867.

XXIX

Sunday School at noon.

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Pastor's lesson on "Corinth".

XXX

Last Sunday in the Year.

Hymns 724-720-101. (Hudson) New Years.

Bible. Heb. 10.

" Sermon. Heb. 10:3.

There is remembrance made again of sins every year.
The Year's record made & unchangeable. Next year will
not pattern this, but must be hopefully entered.

Poem. Thompson's "Ring out wild bells across the sky".

Pleasant & full.

Mrs. Walcott still plays the organ & is engaged till
Spring.

To accommodate, the Pastor's pew is given up to the
Widow Thompson & family, there being no other ^{desirable} ~~pew~~ vacant.

Sun. Jan. 5. 1868

XXXI.

Communion Service at 11 a.m.

Hymns Congregational with Organ. 44-626-631.

Bible Matt. 26:17-30. Last Supper.

Short Sermon on Matt. 26:28. "Remission of Sins".
The influence of Jo's death & its frequent observance owing
not to the manner, pain or principle of his death but to
its great spirit. "The arms of love were never stretched so
wide as upon the Cross".

Music while the bread & wine were passed
Service somewhat interrupted by tardiness.

XXXII

Sunday School at Noon.

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Pastor's lesson on Christmas, Cosinth & Corinthians., with some
remarks on Sunday School Gazette & Mr. John Wilson its printer.

XXXIII

New Year's Service.

Hymns 727-718-103 (Wilmst.) New Year's.

Bible. Gen. 8.

Sermon. Gen. 8:22. "Seedtime & harvest, day & night shall not
cease". The Year an Institution of God - which man
in vain attempts to measure accurately.

The robe given by Miss Layley was worn for the first time
today. Pulpit ornamented with a floral cross.
from Miss Adie Moore.

Sun. Jan. 12. 1868.

XXXIV.

Regular Sunday School at noon. -99-
Pastor's Lesson = Corinth & Corinthians; Philippi.
Mr. John Wilson Jr addressed the School at length
on Printing, especially the Sunday School Paper.

XXXV.

Regular Service.

Hymns 191-430-109. God our Father.

Bible. Luke 11:1-13. Lord's Prayer &c.

Sermon. Matt. 7:11. "If ye then being evil know
how to give good gifts to your children, how much
more shall your Father in Heaven give good things to
them that ask him."

The fatherhood of God, taught in Christianity, only to
be learned through human fatherhood. Earthly parentage
causes the ideals of heavenly parentage to vary with
its ideal & actuality.

Messrs Nat. D. & Geo. Allen Present from Newton.

Col. - Full.

Parochial Events. Jan. 1868.

Sewing Circle - Wed. 7^m at Mrs. Jos. Clarke's.
Walking very drosy.

Conference. Thur. Jan. 9. 10^m Newins.
Happiness & Goodness. Pastor, Mr. Richardson, Mrs. Wiggins, Mrs.
Newins. &c. Cold & thin.

Sewing Circle. Jos. Clarke's. Wed. Eve. 15.
Well attended. Some expectation of a parochial
plan, but nothing done.

Conference. Mrs. Daniel Adams. Wed. Eve. 22^d.
Well attended. Walking unfavorable.
"Hope of Reward influencing Action."
Miss Mary Sewall played the piano for singing.
Pastor, Mrs. Howle, Miss Sewall, Miss Bowditch, Mrs.
Adams & others took part in the conversation.

Use of Church - The parish Committee tendered the
use of the Church to the Committee of Good Templars for
the lecture of Rev. Geo. W. Hewesworth, Mon. Eve. Jan. 27.

The offer was made at the wish of the parish generally &
the pastor - Thur. Fri. & Sat. Jan. 23, 4, 5 - & was
summarily refused.

Sun. Jan. 19. 1868.

XXXVI.

Sunday School at noon. Pastor Absent. -90-
Mr. D. G. Senter - Principal of Dean Institute - addressed the children. ~~which was~~ thinly attended.

XXXVII.

Regular Service.

Rev. Mr. Wiggin exchanged with D. G. Senter Esq. Principal of Dean Institute, Franklin, Mass., a school already in full progress, the building for which is rapidly completing. Mr. Senter had the supply of the Franklin Universalist Society for this Sunday.

Hymns. 26 - 322 - 327. Faith.

Bible. Heb. 11. part.

Sermon. Heb. 11:6. "He that cometh to God" &c.

Faith.

The Bible mark was accidentally broken. when Mr. Senter opened the Book.

Mr. Senter wore the Robe.

Sun. Jan. 25. 1868.

XXXVIII.

Sunday School. Well attended. 106
Pastor's Lesson, Philippians, Colossians & Philemon
Order of service changed & Singing distributed.

XXXIX.

Regular Service.

Rhymes. 19-441-447. Fear.

Bible. Matt. 10: 28 through.

Sermon - Lk 12: 5. "Fear him who after he hath killed
hath power to cast into hell."

Whom shall we fear? A Sermon of Interpretation. Not.
men, nor Rome, nor Satan, nor God - but Sin - is
what Jesus meant. Of the 4 Interprets, God, Rome, Satan,
Sin, only this last is correct.

Rule meeting.

A Robing Room in the Vestry used for the first time. ~~the~~
~~the~~ A Flight of Stairs leads from the Vestibule closet.

Thanks of the New Society in Hyde Park returned for a
box of some 60 books for its Sunday School, Contributed by
the Medfield families. Mr. B. C. Vose who writes, says
that the books are in good order & well selected.

Sun. Feb. 2. 1868.

XI

Sunday School at noon.

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Pastor's Lesson - Review of Colossians & Philemon.

New lesson on Ephesians, with narration of Pastor's visit to Ephesus.

XLI

Regular Service.

Hymns. 393, in 2 parts. (Alm. & G. L.) Prayer.

Bible. John 16: 7 through.

Sermon. John 16: 23. "Whosoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you".

"Praying in the name of Christ" not speaking his name but assuming his spirit, attitude, &c. Such prayer always answered.

2 young ladies from Watik, the Misses Draper, added much to the excellence of the singing both in choir & Sunday school.

Mr. & Mrs. Jos. Allen decide to go to Fredonia, N.Y., where he takes charge of a Normal School. Much opposition by the orthodox has been overcome, which is chiefly why he reluctantly accepts.

Parochial Record. Jan. 1868.

Ministerial Association. Thurs. Jan. 23.

Met with the pastor - Present Rev. C. C. Sewall, moderator, Rev. Wm Brown of Sherborn, Scribe, Rev. Wm B. Smith, Walpole, Rev. Geo. Hill, South Dedham, Unit. After dinner, Rev. Mrs. P. A. Manaford came. Mrs. H. is pastor of the Universalist Chh in Uingham & is soon to be ordained. She also edits the "Ladies Repository" & the "Myrtle", the Sun. Sch. Paper. Mrs. H. was to deliver her poem "Aladdin's Lamp" This for our Times, Love & Labor" in the evening at the Baptist church. The storm of the Tues. before made the Association small. Mr. Wiggin read the Essay on "Health & Preaching".

Wed. Eve. Jan. 29. Living Circle - Mrs. Thompson's. Storm - Only one person besides the household present.

Sun. Feb. 9. 1868.

42

Sunday School. at noon.

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Pastor's Lesson on the lessons of Oct. Review.

43

Regular Service.

Hymns. 1-369-335 Sin & Penitence.

Bible - Ezek. 18.

Sermon = Ezek. 18:4 & 20. "The Soul that sinneth
it shall die".

Ezekiel teaches nothing of either Annihilation, Futurism or any punishment, primarily; but personal responsibility. Its Corollaries that Guilt & Merit are not transmissible, nor substitution possible.

Attendance 75.

A gentle rain upon deep snow & bad slash the result.

Parochial Events - Feb. 1868.

Conference. Miss Langley's. Wed. Eve. Feb. 5.

Subject. Is there more sin or righteousness in the world
& in persons?

Pastor played for the singing which was very good. Friends were tardy in arriving but a goodly number assembled & there was very general expression of opinion that the nature of God guarantees more goodness.

Coteries. Mr. Elman Mason's. Fri. Eve. Feb. 7.

P. 3. in fines voted to Miss Lucy Furner.

Mr. Hamant paid for this book. \$1.37.

Miss Mary Elewens acted as Treasurer.

Exercises. "Willis" Hager in the "Widener". Sar. Ellis.

Reading. "Curiosity" a poem, by Sar. Newell.

School Recitation & Stories - Comic - Chas. Hamant

Recitation - "Hood's Eugene Aram", Pastor.

Duet - "Empty Sleeve" & "Wearing of the Green". Mason children.

Comic Song of ye olden time. "Make me a fine Holland Shirt"

Mrs. Gerthson Adams.

Piano Music - Hetty Robinson & Mrs. Groves.

Glee &c. Everybody.

Social Circle at Mrs. Thompson's - fairly attended.

In connection a Sunday School meeting. To be about teachers & arrange for a surprise farewell party to Mrs. & Miss Jos. Allen. Matter entrusted to Mr. H. Richardson & defeated by the sudden departure of Mr. Allen.

Sun. Feb. 16. 1868.

44.

Sunday School, well attended by scholars but thin on account of the Pastor's absence & the omission of the Bible Class.

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45.

Regular Service in p.m.

Rev. D. B. Smith of Walpole preached on the text, "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his", a sermon very conservative in its tone.

Hymns. 120-438-75.

The Pastor supplied the First Parish, Dedham.

Weather Pleasant & Charming.

46.

Extra Service in eve. at 7. the first of a series specially for young people.

Hymns. 849 (eve) 484-482 - work.

Bible. II Thess. last chap.

Sermon. 2 Thess. 3:10. "If any would not work, neither shall he eat".

A general principle 1st of body, 2^d of Trust & influence & 3^d of Religion & Heaven. that only work is followed by blessing.

Singing unusually fine.

A good house - yes, full.

Parochial Events. Feb. 1868.

Tracts. Mr. Moses Clarkshorn being sadly beset with Orthodox theology by the girls in his room at the Straw-shop, sent for a bundle of tracts which he found gladly received & read, though not believed. ~~★~~
They did not know that Unitarians had any tracts

Surprise Party Mon. Eve. Feb. 17.

Several loads of Unitarians, with the pastor in the party, gave a surprise visit to Mrs. Everett, Pondville, Wrentham. Table beautifully furnished & the Surprise Complete.

Ordination. Framingham, Feb. 19. Wed. 1868.

Mr. Henry Geo. Spaulding. was ordained Pastor.

This Chh not invited but pastor attended with & by invitation of Mr. Henry Richardson, a native of F.

The services were very fine, the participants being from a distance. A great crowd in attendance. The music was very fine, but the performers in chief were from abroad, & the collection was elegant but furnished by St. George's Rooms, Boston. ~~But the music was furnished by St. George's Rooms, Boston.~~

~~It was a very fine service, and the collection was very fine.~~
~~Spaulding was ordained.~~

21st Feb. Fri. 4 1/2 a.m. a little son, Albert ^{Henry} ~~Spaulding~~, born to the pastor.

Sun. Feb. 23. 1868.

47.

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Sun. Sch. at noon.

Thin, owing to the intense cold & the Slippery Walking
Pastor's General lesson on Ephesians, & his Adventures
Ephesus. Pastor also, with the aid of the organist,
Drilled the Children in two new hymns.

48.

Regular Service in p.m. Well attended. though
somewhat thinner than usual.

Hymns. 28 - 604 - 606. (Worthing.) The Church-

Bible: 1 Cor. 12:1-18. Church members. Body of Xt.

Sermon. Jer. 50:5. "They shall ask the way to
Zion with their faces thitherward."

The Significance of Churchmembership - 1. Sacramental
- that the Chh is not the door to the Sacraments; though
these are held by the Chh & by it perpetuated, yet the
Lord's Supper like the burial service, is free to all.

2. moral; that it does not imply perfection but that
the average moral tone of the Chh is better than
the outside moral tone; that, in fine, the text tells the
whole story - walking in the right direction & asking
the way for help. by the church

49.

Ev. 7. Mr. Bowen, the blind man, spoke to 75 people on
"Who Sinned, this man or his parents?" Hymns. 9-772 - 231.
How Christianity Ameliorates the Condition of the Blind. Collection \$2.92

Events in Parish. Feb. 1868

Conference & Church Meeting in Conjunction.
Miss Sarah Bosworth's. - Eve. Fri. 21 Feb.

Conference Subject. How God regards Sin - Pastor distinguished between Sin & the Sinner. A general response came from those present - & the Pastor's ~~feeling~~ feeling was reciprocated. Mrs. Hoisington, who proposed the Subject, said that her mind was much enlightened.

A pretty paper box to receive written suggestions, made for that purpose by Mrs. Gardner, was placed upon the table.

In Chh matters: thought well to gather for the Communion in front pews - & to make the service more quiet & united.

Social Circle. Mrs. Wm. Hewins. Feb. 24. 1868.
Storm & only one lady present.

Fri. p.m. & eve. Feb. 28.

Pastor had announced that he should be at home for religious calls & conversation. & Also Sat. Eve.
March 1. - but no persons came.

Sun. Dec. 1. 1868.

50.

A. M. Communion Service.

Hymns. 208-543-629-60. Congregational.

Bible. John. 19:1-23. Christ & Pilate.

Sermon. John 19:5. "Behold the man".

The 2 different views of Jesus in Renan's Life of Jesus & "Ecce Homo" - the one an attractive idealist; the other a man. Application to our thoughts of Christ.

Organ music while the elements were passing.

Copies of Mr. Wm. Everett's tract on the "Communion" were placed in the pews, & the pastor requested that each Communicant should pass one to some friend who needed the suggestion. Mr. Everett is Edward Everett's son.

51.

Sunday School. Pastor's Lesson - "Hebrews". -107-
Dr. Richardson came in as a teacher.

52.

Regular Service. Pleasant. Chh well filled.

Hymns. 23-508-623. Church. Bible. Jer 49 & 50 -

Sermon. Jer. 50:5. "Come - let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten"

Continuation of last Sunday. The Significance of Chh Membership - 1. Professional, that there is but one moral code for all men, not two. 2. Spiritual = Outward expression of inward faith &c. 3. Active = that the weaker we are, the more we need to work with others.

Parochial Events. March. 1868.

Conference. Mon. Eve. Mch. 2. Mr. Jos. Clarke's.
A severe storm & no one out.

Lecture. Pastor lectured at West Dedham in the
Unitarian Chh. Subject = "Secular Sundays abroad".
Thurs. Eve. Mch. 5. Gratuitous Course of lectures..

Parish Meeting. Church Mch. 9. 1868.

Harmonious feeling prevailed. & the attendance was un-
usually large.

Chas. Hamant.

Dan. D. Curtis.

Moses Hartshorn.

} Standing Committee.

Mr. Curtis was also appointed Treasurer & Collector.
Saml Ellis & Chas. Hamant, Auditors.

The matter of having the cracked bell recast & made
heavier was referred to the Standing Committee.

Conference. Tues. 11th. Mr. Jos. Clarke's.

Subject: "Nature & Effect of Forgiveness".

The meeting was good & of unusual interest. There
was a very general expression of opinion before the
Pastor gave his. It was agreed that penalty was not
all remitted by forgiveness - Pastor thought that so much
of the penalty as consisted in God's personal alienation
or displeasure was removed but no other; to God could
safely forgive upon Repentance because he knew the heart.

Sunday - March 8. 1868.

53.

Sunday School thin on account of frosty streets. - 74 -
Rev. Sam. C. Beane of Salem addressed the school about
the "microscope" - & heard the Bible Class.

54.

Regular Service.

Rev. Mr. Beane of the East Chh Salem preached
on Judgment as a separation which every lofty soul
makes. in the world. Text. John. 5:26 & 27.

"For as the father hath life in himself,
& hath he given the Son to have life in
himself; & hath given him authority to
execute Judgment also, because he is
a son of man."

The Pastor supplied the Pulpit in Bridgewater. & Mr.
Beane's Pulpit was occupied by Rev. John Cordner of
Montreal, Canada

Attendance good Considering the weather

Sunday. Mich. 15. 1868.

55.

Sunday School.
Pastor's lesson on "Hebrews" & "Acts".

56.

Regular Service.

Hymns 548-557-520. Death.

Bible. 1 Pet. 3:10 - 4:6.

Allusion in Prayer to death of Mr. John Grant.

Sermon. 1 Pet. 4:6.

"For this Cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead."
"The Soul's Moral Freedom in the future life".

This the real point of dispute. Unitarians, Universalists, Swedenborgians & Spiritualists & also the Roman Catholics on the liberal side.

Reasons for its belief 1- that there is no reason to suppose that death robs us of intellectual & Spiritual Qualities, - & moral choice is a distinguishing characteristic of the human soul.

2. The Character of God in desiring human virtue demands that he give everlasting opportunities for obtaining that holiness which he wishes us to possess.

Mr. Bigelow of Dover played the organ for the first time.

Weather very pleasant & Church full.

The pastor was suffering from a severe cold & Compelled therefore to postpone the lecture which had been announced for the evening.

Sunday Mich. 22.

A heavy snow & blow on Sat. made the roads alternately impassable & bare. Consequently only a few boys & one teacher came to Sunday school.

57.

Short service at the usual hour. 1³/₄.

40-50 present.

Hymns 6-287-187.

Bible John 6: 22-59.

Sermon John 6: 37. "All that the father giveth me"
i.e. those prepared through Providential Culture;
"shall come to me",

i.e. shall gravitate to Jesus by sympathy with Him;
"& Him that cometh to me",

i.e. Come to Jesus in ~~Jesus~~ & life,
"I will in nowise cast out",

i.e. the Truth; self-sacrifice & freedom of Xt cannot cast out
the soul which embraces them.

Voted to invite the County Conference here. Collection referred to Ladies Social Circle - & Saml Ellis, J. W. Page, Geo. H. Kingsbury, Robt Pope Jr, Wm. P. Hewins & Jos. O. Ware appointed Committee with the Pastor. Mrs. Moses Hill of Medway sang. Miss Hattie Robinson played the organ.

Parochial Events - Mch. 1868.

Mr. John Grant, after a long illness from, atrophy, or lessening of the brain, died Feb. 29 & was buried from his late residence Tues. Mch 3^d. Service Conducted by the Pastor. Allusion was made to his inability to speak for so long. He tried; he beckoned; he wanted a prayer; he tried to say "Amen"; he was a "spirit in prison" Age 72.

Conference. Wed. Eve. 18 Mch - Mrs. Fowler's.

Not many present but general expression of opinion. Subject: "Is Deception ever Justifiable?"

Sung & read from the new hymn & tune book & liturgy, Compiled by Rev. L. J. Livermore for the Association.

Sewing Circle. Thurs. 19. Mrs. Wm. Hewins.

Very good attendance. Matter of the County Conference introduced by the pastor.

Adjourned Parish Meeting. Mon. 16th - & hear the report of the Auditing Committee.

New Bell. D. D. Curtis headed the subscription for recasting & enlarging the bell with \$50

Conference. Mch 25. Mrs. Fowler's. Wed. Eve.

Thin - but good talk: "What is it to be a Christian?" Proposed by Miss Langley.

Sun. Mch. 29. 1868.

58.

Sunday Sch.

Mr. Louis Goulding entered upon the office of Secretary, taking charge of the School record.

Rev. Geo. Will addressed the School.

59.

Pastor exchanged with Rev. Geo. Will, Universalist, of South Dedham. who preached on Revs. 2:17.

"To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, & I will give him a white stone, & in the stone a new name written. which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it."

Mrs. S. W. Bush, the former minister's wife was in town, & Mrs. Wiggins' parents, Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Newman from Brattleboro, Vt.

Good weather & full attendance.

Mrs. Walcott played the organ.

Parish Record. April. 1868.

Mon. Eve. Apr. 5. Mrs. Wm. Hewins.

Teachers meeting. 12 present.

Decided to change the library methods by using cards & boards with tags.

To purchase an instrument for Sunday School.

To name the classes.

Social Circle. Thur. Apr. 9. Mrs. Geo. M. Smith's.

Same Eve. Surprise party given by several Unitarian families to Mr. & Mrs. Thurston - the Anniversary - 1st - of their wedding.

Good Fri. Eve. Conference postponed by an 8 inch snow storm.

Thur. Eve. Apr. 15.

Conference again at Mrs. J. Addison Lamer's.

A slight rain & no meeting. But some singing.

Pastor's Family absent since Fast Day.

Mrs. Wiggins is quite unwell - & it is hoped that a sojourn in her former home, Brattleboro, Vermont, may restore her strength.

Pastor meanwhile is quite alone in his house - opposite the church.

Fast Day. April 2. 1868.

Supposed to be the only Public service in town, though both Baptists & orthodox held prayer meeting in the morning & a joint meeting in the p.m.

Even. 7 o'clock. House full. & the other Societies strongly represented.

Hymns. 700-697-709. Fast-Day.

Bible. Ps 47 - Rom. 10. parts.

Prayer touched national affairs & points advised by the Executive Proclamation.

Sermon an hour or more long on National Education - Rom. 10:2. "I bear them record that they have a zeal for God but not according to Knowledge."

Threelfold relation of Educated Intelligence to the Moral Sense - As its agent; its substitute sometimes, & as the microscope, to discern moral distinctions.

Popular Education in Prussia & Japan. Its lack in France. Common Schools the glory of Mass.

& the need of the whole nation. Objections to such a system briefly met. America not on right basis till the Minister of Education is the most prominent business member of the President's Cabinet.

Sunday. April 5th. 1868.

Palm Sunday.

61.

Sunday Sch not very full, a light snow having fallen during the night.

Pastor's Lesson Acts & Epistles & Timothy.
Mr. Goulding acted as Secretary.

62

Regular Service. appropriate to the day.

Hymns 220-233-262. Christ & Palm Sunday.

Bible. Matt. 21 & 23 Luke 13. Passages.

Sermon - Mt. 23:29 & Lk 13:35.

"For I say unto you, ye shall not see me henceforth till ye shall say - Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord."

Except a person, Church or nation recognize a prophet & bless his coming, his salvation is not for them, & they shall not see the truth in him.

Easter. Apr. 12. 1868.

63.

Sun. Sch. thinly attended by reason of the (-54-
bad roads. Rev. W. Alger of So. Natick told the
children that the Sunday Sch. should fit them
for Chm-membership, & if their teachers did not
belong, they should ask, "why?"

64.

Pastor exchanged with Rev. W. Alger of So. Natick
who came over in the sloop. Mr. Wiggin returned
in season to take a slight part in the service, the
closing prayer, notices & hymns.

Mr. Alger preached on Purpose of Building in
Life - bad plans & good plans; - failure to Satisfy
by an Assurance of Immortality

no ^{special} reference was made to the text - from Psalm.

Hymns 421-557.

Bible. Good Samaritan. & young man.

Attendance good - very good - in such walking
but better in the Evening.

The bell-crack increased & now it sounds like
a tin pan; mothered.

Easter Vespers 12 Apr. (68.
Eve. 7 o'clock.
65.

Order of Service.

1. Organ - Mr. Wm. Smith presiding by Courtesy.
2. Sentences on Immortality, read by Minister.
3. "Carmina Alterna". Responsive Psalms 23 & 24 for Easter.
4. Poem repeated by the Minister.
"Uprize Christians join in Singing".
Translated from the German by Rev. Dr. W. L. Nottingham.
5. Hymn. 238. Easter.
6. Prayer. & Organ Response.
7. Old Testament Selection - Lxxi 52.
8. Easter Anthem. "Christ the Lord has risen" &c
Solo sustained by Miss Hill - not of Westfield.
9. New Testament. Matt 28.
10. Hymn. 244. Ware's "Raise ye glad voices".
11. Sermon. "He is not here for he is risen" Mt 28:6
Discrepancies in the Gospel narratives of the event, no
real discredit thereto. & the Importance of the fact
of Christ's Resurrection in the Gospels & New Testament
as a vital part thereof -
12. Sentences introducing Silent Prayer.
13. Lord's Prayer Chanted.
14. Notices & Hymn 70. Congregational - Shisland.
15. Benediction

Mon. Apr. 19. 1868.

66.

Mon. Sch. quite full.

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A melodeon, lent by Mrs. Addison Turner, was used for the 1st time & proved a great help.

Mrs. Walcott played & the pastor. Boxes covered with carpet support the back legs of the instrument. This plan was preferred to the removal of the platform altogether as at 1st proposed.

The Classes adopted names: Christmas - Easter - New Year - Palm - Charming - Star King - Walter - Leaid Collier - Senior - Unitarian - Beecher - Chapin - Paul.

The following order of service was adopted.
12. Return books to Library.

12-10. (1) Hymn.

(2) Prayer.

(3) Roll.

(4) Notices.

(5) Hymn. (6) Pastor's Lesson.

12³/₄. + (7) Hymn. (8) Classes.

1-20 (9) Record. (10) Hymn.

Pastor's Lesson - Review of 1 & 2^d Timothy - Palm Sunday & Easter. New lesson on Titus & Crete. the island where Titus was pastor.

Library books were returned for a new distribution

Sun. Apr. 19. 1868.

57.

Weather favorable & Chh full.

Hymns 277-304-255. Christ & Christianity.

Bible. Acts 11:19-26. Disciples 1st Called Christians.

Col. 1. — Christ in us.

Sermon Gal. 4:19. "Until Christ be formed in you";
What is a Christian? All are sometimes called No
Christians "even Channing, & Jesus, substantially.

He is Christian in whom Christ is formed — the
babe, the man, the triumphant Lord. This alone
solves the problem of Unchristian deeds in Christian
lives — else there is no such thing as a Christian &
the Christian Religion is a failure.

Miss Elsie Robinson played the organ.

Many persons, or several, came expecting a
wedding & were disappointed.

Table graced with an evergreen Cross
from Mr. Jos. Ware & ladies.

In the a.m. the Committee went to North Berentham
& near Mr. Geo. Holbrook play the organ &c.
& he came over in the eve to hear. & see.

Sun. Apr. 19. 1868.

68.

Even. 7 o'clk.

Pastors 2^d Lecture to Young People. on
"Rewards not Interchangeable."

Matth. 5: 2 - 5 - & 16. "They have their Reward".

No sneer but a statement of fact is here.
Each work brings its own reward & no other.

Low ~~Results~~ now obtained. The Higher wait.

Choosing our ends we should be content - be the
Choir spiritual or material. Riches, Pleasure,
Admiration, Reputation may be obtained with
proper effort - So Virtue, holiness, Heaven.

The wicked often prosper materially but not spiritually.
"Honesty is the best Policy", in Heaven but not
necessarily on earth.

Hymns. 846 - 425. 62 (Congregational).

After the sermon Chas. E. Ward, grandson
of John Lynt, lately deceased, & Carrie M. Green of
South Boston, both aged 24. were married.
After the Ceremony, hymn 883 was sung.

Mrs. Wm J. Smith played the organ. finely - & the
"Carmina Alterna" for the day was used.

A Miss Willa Brown Dexter, Maine, sang the solo.
On account of the wedding the Chh was crowded.

Prosocial Events in Apr. 1868.

Conference. Wed. Eve. Apr. 22. Dr. Richardson's.
Subject Chhmembership. After opening service the Dr.
spoke freely of Mr. Jos. Ware - followed by many present.
Miss Lizzie Richardson & Miss Langley rather took the side
of no profession needful. & that Communion was all -
but the general tone was the other way - The Dr's wife
& Mrs. Gershorn Adams made admirable speeches.

On the way home, Mrs. G. Adams, Miss Julia Mullen,
Miss Richardson & Miss Langley stopped at the house of the
latter, with the pastor, for a long talk about it.

Social Circle. Mrs. Dan. Curtis'. Thurs. Apr 23 '68.
Very pleasant meeting though not very full.

Curtis Hall. Fri. Eve. 24.

Meeting of the Sunday School to receive their library
cards & make further division of classes. Miss
Amelia Clarke & Mary Wendin were kind enough
to fill out the cards with the class names.

After this - the pastor entertained the children by
Reading - (à la Chas. Dickens whom he had recently
heard, & after a custom being set in Boston, Hollis
st chh,) "the story of little Dombey".

Sunday Apr. 26 : 1868

69.

Sunday School.

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Mr. & Mrs. Ware became teachers & Miss Abby Russell also. A new Scholar came in.

3 new classes named "Elyette" - "Washington" & "Bethlehem", & the Class left unnamed last Sun. took the name "Whitsunday".

Pastor's Lesson on "Titus" & "Crete", & "Revelations".

A letter from Bro. Chas. Eliot Guild of Jamaica Plain was read, asking for help in erecting a monument to Mr. Jas. P. Walker & providing for the maintenance of his widow & 3 children.

Referred to the "Walker" Class - named for the late efficient Secretary of the Sunday School Society. - & that class decided to solicit contributions for the object named.

For the 1st time the new system of boards, with numbered holes & pegs, for library registration was ~~adopted~~ ^{used}.

70.

Regular Service in p.m.

Hymns 118 - 292 - 436.

Bible. Acts 6:1-7. "Chh business" & Rom. 10:5+13. "Spint"

Sermon on Rom. 10:10. "With the heart man be lieveth unto righteousness & with the mouth Confession is made unto Salvation."

Xy has 2 fold functions Secular & Spiritual

in the apostolic clays, one body, the Church,
attended to all its affairs. Later the Secular
function was assumed by the State. Then came
Independency with a parish for the Secular & a Church
for the Spiritual; at first acting in Concurrence but
later ruled by Parish alone. Among us the Chh reduced
the Communion table, & membership fallen into Desu-
etude. Efforts at Open Communion have failed, though
our table is open, in bringing many in. Jas. Freeman
Clarke solved the problem practically by the Chh of
the Disciples, wherein one body, the Church fulfils
both functions, through Committees &c. This perhaps the
better way; but we have 2 bodies. They might be
one but are not. The form matters little - but in
one body or two both the Secular & Spiritual Offices
must be filled - for Open Confession is a need of
human nature.

Mrs. Nancy Bradford Curtis, Miss Julia Mullen,
Miss Eudora Mumway were then baptized, & afterward
received the right hand of fellowship, together with
Mrs. Gardner. The pastor made to each appropriate
remarks referring to their life & position & gave to each
a memorial book.

The service ~~was very interesting~~ & drew tears to
many eyes. After a prayer we dispersed with the
hymn of welcome, 622.

A bright - Sometimes Clouded day.

Sun. May 3. 1868.
71.

Sun. School.

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Pastor's lesson on Titus & Apocalypse.

Letter to the Laird Collier Class read ^{from} ~~by~~ the Minister for whom the class was named; now pastor of the chh in Chicago. "Senior Class" changed to "Whittier".

72.

Regular Service -

Hymns 47-332-325 - Faith.

Bible. Matt. 9 & 17 - Selections on Cures by Faith.

Sermon - "Skepticism & Faith." I Thess. 5:21.

"Bore all things; hold fast that which is good".

Skepticism the prelude of Faith & Progress. If reverent, & be welcomed not dreaded. No progress without it, yet Faith must complete the growth. Illustrations from Galileo, Luther, Columbus, Christ who were Skeptics about existing things but had faith in new methods.

Closed with Emerson's lines beginning:

"You tell me doubt is devil-born."

A cloudy day. Attendance good.

Mrs. Jas. Kingbury decorated the clock & lamps with flowers & evergreens. & the Wares & Miss Bosworth decorated the pulpit & suspended a cross in front.

Mr. Augustus Ware played the organ on trial & did very well. ~~He played the organ very well.~~

73.

Communion at 6 p.m. -

Hymns 864 - 272 - 647 - 635. Congregational -

Miss Hattie Robinson playing the organ - for the singing & while the elements were passed.

Bible - Luke 22:1-18.

Address on Tit. 3:6. "The holy ghost shed on us abundantly through Christ our Savior."

Some will not call God's Christ "Savior", because God is Savior. Why not refuse to say "rather" to man, since God is father?

Jesus' religion saves us daily from sin. Not inherent to depend on Jesus. We depend upon bread, water, a staff - & yet these all come from God - & God supports us. Find God in Nature - why not in man & still more in Christ.

Allusions in prayers to Dea. Adams & the new members.

Closed as usual with repeating the Lord's Prayer & singing.

Events in April 1868.

Conference. Wed. Eve. 29. Mr. Jos. Ware's

Subject "Faith - its nature & effect".

Many spoke. & the meeting was most enjoyable.

Sunday. May 10. 1868.

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Sun. Sch. Noon.

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Pastor's Lesson Apocalypse & II Peter.

A letter from Rev. E. H. Chapin D. D. of New York to the Class named after him was read with ~~some difficulty~~ by the Pastor.

The Walker Class brought in \$50.15 as their collection for the Walker Memorial-Stone & Fund. & in return the Pastor presented that Class with Photographs of Mr. Jas. P. Walker.

Bible Class ended their study of "Job."

Mr. Geo. Morse played the Melodeon & has kindly consented to do so for the present.

The Pastor announced that a time book called "Chapel Gems." - of Swedenborgian origin, was just the book needed in price & music but unfortunately talks about "Jesus both God & Man." & calls Jesus the Father of us all &c. So that book will not do.

A medal belonging to Mrs. Wm. B. Howle, bearing on one side the bust of Schiller & on the other the "Bell" was shown to the Sunday School.

Parochial Transactions in May (68.

Ladies Social Circle. Thur. Eve. May. 7. Geo. Smith's.
Cloudy & few present. Some talk about an Organ
Festival. by & by.

Coterie. Jos. Ware's. Fri. Eve. 9th May.

Tableaux in large shed arranged by the families in the house
"Uncle Robin Gray" sung by Miss Hatty Robinson & illustrated with
5 scenes. Fred. Barney, Robin; Mrs. Groves, Annie; Mrs. G.,
Jennie; Father by Sam. Curtis & Mother by Miss Whitehouse.

"Temperance" by Chas. Bullard, Carry Frost & Julia Walcott.
"Faith, Hope & Charity". Mrs. Curtis, Mary, Maurine & Mrs. Groves.

"Lord's Prayer" Sung to the tune of "Sweet Home" by Miss
Robinson kneeling, surrounded by many children clad
in white vestment.

"Sister of Charity" by Miss Udie Moore & Mr. Ware.

"Past, Present & Future" by Emma Green, Dora Shumway
& Myra Helton.

"Babies in the Wood" by Sundry big men.

"Devotion" by Josie Ware

Pantomime "Outwitted" by Mr. Ware & Fred Barney &
Mrs. Groves.

"Plotting mischief" — Lizzie Clifford & Children.

"Long Sermon" by Mr. Hemant (Chas.) & others.
(Some of these were extemporé.

Several Charades arranged by Dr. Richardson.
Conundrum by Mr. Thurston. Why are all these
people like unsalable goods? Because packed away.

in a Warehouse: "

Recitations: "Land Muller" - Julia Halcott.

"Dore." - Miss Julia Mullen.

Longfellow's "Day & Done" - Sarah Fisher.

William Hisset

Miss Endora Shumway read "Scatter Flowers".

Miss Bowditch gave a philosophical experiment.
Water held in an inverted tumbler by a piece of paper.

Miss Robinson & Mrs. Halcott played & we
parted with singing.

The fines, amounting to \$5.30 were voted to Miss
Lucy Turner & Mrs. Fairbanks, equally divided.
A very pleasant occasion.

Social Circle Thurs. May 21. Rain & no attendance.

Conference Wed. 13. May. Not held on account of rain.

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On Friday P. M. 8th May the new Bell was hoisted
into the Belfry. Made by Yolbrook & Son.
The Yolbrook family, attended Church on following Sunday.

Sunday May 10. (68.

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Regular Service.

Hymns. 10. 14-29. Worship.

Bible. Psalm 150 & few verses on "Bells" in Zech. 16.

Armon Ex. 39:25. The Bells on Priests Garments.

Origin, History & Uses of Bells & Chimes. History of the
1st Parish Bells as found in Record Books by the pastor
assisted by Miss Mary Moore & Miss Henry Everett.

1. Hinsdale Bell. 1661. 2. Another Bell. 1684-5.

3. ^{Same Recast} Unknown. 4. Unknown. 5. Enlarged to 1600 lbs 1839.

6. Same Year - exchanged. 7. 1847. 8. The New Bell -

The Sermon closed with ~~extensive~~ quotations from
Schiller's "Song of the Bell". & a Dedication of the Bell
to the purposes of our most Holy Religion; to the Ringing out
of false doctrine & the ringing in of True.

"One Lord, one faith, one Baptism".

Especially was it dedicated to the dissipation of "smooth
doctrines of men's devising", whereby the unwary & shallow
are led to trust to trust for salvation in anything but
the Christ-Character formed within.

Flowers from Endora Shumway in Mrs. Derby's new vase.

Miss Robinson played the organ well.

For several Sunday the Choir has rehearsed & the
Service has opened with the Responsive Service of the
"Carmina Alterna", read by Minister & Chanted by Choir.

New Bell. 2001 lbs

@ 40 per lb.

\$ 800.40

Iron Yoke.

50.00

Rolling Hammer.

5.00

\$ 865.40.

Less -

Weight of old bell less
than expected - 1374 lbs.

@ 30 per lb.

\$ 412.20

\$ 453.20

less .5 per ct on
whole cost by

Change of revenue
tax.

43.27

\$ 409.93

Bill to be paid.

Bell. 409.93.

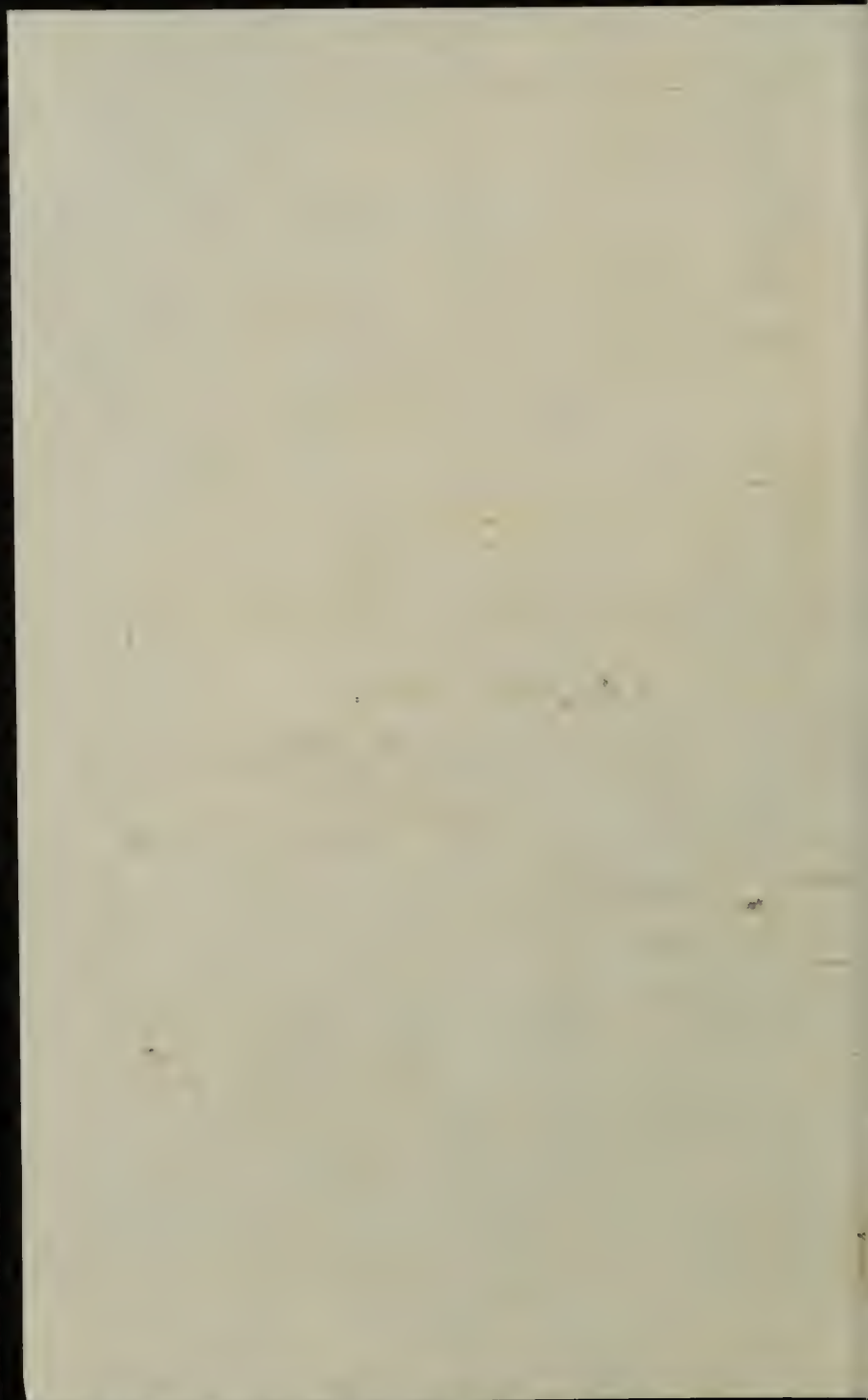
Insurance .100.

For five years.

509.93

130.57

Balance in Treasury
partly used for paying an old note.



The Bell.

The Bell was Cast May 1st at East
Medway by Holbrook & Co.
Subscription List.

D. D. Curtis.	\$50.00	Warren Hartshorn.	\$5.00	Sam. G. Stevens	\$5.00
Alona Langley	50.00	D. D. Hamant.	5.00	Noah Allen	5.00
Geo M. Smith.	10.00	Sarah Bosworth.	5.00	D. Housington.	5.00
Hamlet Wright.	10.00	Wm C. Allen.	2.50	John A. Newell.	5.00
A. E. Meason.	10.00 ^{5.00}	Henry Harding.	2.50.		20.00
Ellis Allen.	10.00	J. C. Lane.	1.00		290.00
Wm Q. Fisher.	10.00	J. H. Richardson.	5.00		85.50
Frank Shumway	10.00	Irving Curtis.	5.00		<u>\$390.50</u>
John Battelle	10.00	A. J. Turner.	5.00		
Saml Ellis.	10.00	Wm D. Rowe.	5.00	Robert Roberts.	200.00
John Ellis.	15.00	Geo. Wright.	5.00		<u>\$590.50</u>
Caleb Ellis.	10.00	Jos. Curtis.	2.50		
Chas. Hamant.	10.00	David Phympton.	5.00	Weight	2000 lbs.
Moses Hartshorn	10.00	Chas. Newell.	5.00	Later	
Brookford Curtis.	10.00	Geo. Kingsbury.	5.00	for his father J. W. Adams.	
Mary C. Hearns.	5.00	A. B. Balch.	5.00	John Adams	
Marriet Adams.	25.00	Samuel Green.	2.00	R. N. York.	50.00
A. P. Kingsbury.	10.00	Lowell Adams.	5.00		<u>Total \$640.50</u>
Phineas Frost.	10.00	Obed Allen.	5.00	New Bell. 2001 lbs.	
Chas. H. Russell.	5.00	Thomas Smith.	5.00	@ 40 cents per lb.	
	290.00		85.50	\$800.40	
				Yoke.	60.00
				Follingdamer	5.00
					<u>\$865.40</u>

very pleasant. House well filled

Sunday May 17 1868.

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Pastor preached in am. at S. Patrick in the absence of the pastor there, Rev. H. Alger, but returned to take his usual place in Sunday School.

The Bible Class began the book of Psalms.

General lesson on II Peter & Gospel of John.

Letter from the Quaker poet, John G. Whittier, to the Whittier Class was read.

Also an invitation to be at the Sun. sch. festival to be held in Boston Anniversary week. The trains make it inexpedient to attend.

A little poem on "Star King's Pen" was read. & given to that class.

77

Regular Service in p.m.

Hymns 37-612 (Baptism) 92. (Ceph.) Bible Mate 18 & 19 & Gal. 3. ^{Select verses on Children.}

Sermon, Mate 28:19. The Baptismal Formula.

Subject "Baptism of Children"

Motives for Free Baptism of all who come or are brought in Roman chh to save from hell; in Lutheran chh, to induct into National chh; in Episcopal chh, to Regenerate.

Our motives - the Rite is beautiful; it recognizes a child's blessed Christian relations to God, Christ & Spirit; & the parental duty to rear in the same.

Flowers through Miss Adie Moore. Miss Hatty Robinson engaged as Organist. Terms. Tuition by Wm Smith, One Quarter.

Sunday May 24. 1868.

78.

Sun. Sch. A Rainy Day. -84-

Pastor's general lesson on John's Gospel.

Photographs given to the remaining members of the Wacker class. of "J. P. Walker"

An invitation from Boston to send flowers to Music Hall for Children's Festival.

In the "Illustrated London News" a picture of the way the Abyssinians observe Palm Sunday, shown to the Palm Sunday class & the school.

Also a vol. of Horne's Introduction containing fac similes of early Greek New Testament manuscripts.

79.

Service by Rev. Wm B. Smith of Walpole.

Hymns 204-435-295. Bible. "Calling of Samuel."

Sermon on the call to the Prophet & Samuel's reply = "Here am I". To all are called though in different degrees. The sermon was somewhat "Radical" in tone, but none too much so.

The attendance was very good for such bad weather. Since last Sunday the sun has barely shone one day, & the weather is still too cold for planting.

Sun. May 31. 1868. Whit Sunday.

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Sun. School very full. & this was the order of service.

Spring Hymn. (128.) & Prayer. & Notices & Roll.

Whit Sunday Hymn - "In the Light" (299.)

Recitations by Whit Sunday Class.

"Daisies" - Annie Daniels.

"Legend of Bells" - Abby Hartshorn.

"Violets" - Leondine Kingsbury.

"Christ Blessing Children" - Julia Haleott.

all specially appropriate to the occasion.

A hymn "Gather Them In" then sung by the Class, their teacher & pastor.

"Pastor's Address about the Anniversaries of Children's Mission," & the Mass meeting of Sun. schools at Music Hall. Various anecdotes.

The School learnt this verse. - taught the Crowd at Music Hall by Rev. C. Humphrey of Springfield.

Manlike it is to fall into sin.

Kindlike it is to dwell therein,

Christlike it is for sin to strive,

Godlike it is all sin to leave.

Baptismal Hymn. 611. Sung by Children.

Annie & Ada Richardson & Abby Parker then baptized & after a prayer closed with Hymn 257.

Church finely decorated with flowers & all passed off well. No lessons heard. Gave a general

81.

Regular P. M. Service. Fully attended.

Pastor from Acts 18:21, "I must by all means keep the feast which cometh at Jerusalem", gave a full report of the Anniversaries of the week past. Quoting at the beginning & close the Pentecostal Verses sung at Festivals in 1866 & 1868. He had returned with certain impressions viz. our Churches everywhere active; the need of greater solemnity & enforced brevity in all our morning meetings & in those also; need of hearing from more obscure men in the great week; need of denominational lines; need of Church Institutions, that Christianity is the absolute Religion, as much as Science is absolute Science, whether accepted or denied.

The most interesting though unsatisfactory meeting of the week was the Free Religious Meeting at Tremont Temple, where were heard the troubadours of all sects, specially Revs. Malcolm, Baptist, & Whitford, Episcopalian.

The word of the week was that of Rev. C. C. Everett of Bangor. "Our work is not so much to liberalize Christianity as to Christianize Liberalism."

Bible. Luke 6:1-13. Sending forth the disciples.
Hymns. 571-581-788. Sung at Association meeting in Boston Pres. 26.

Whitsunday.

82

Evangel. - Gospel. - "Leprosus Animam".
Organ "Voluntary" - "Leprosus Animam".
Sentences, Birth of the Spirit & Comforter during soft music.
Anthem. "Lord of all Powers Dignity".
Poem. J. H. Clarke - 4 verses - "Infinite Spirit who art round us ever".
Hymn 316. Bulfinch's "Was not thy heart when thou burned".
Prayer & Organ Response. Allusion to flowers & the old.
"Carmina Alterna" - 31st day & p.m.
Old Testament. 1 Kings 19. "Calling of Elijah".
Anthem = "Oh that I had wings".
New Testament. Acts 22 - "Forgiveness of Pentecost".
Hymn 290. "Our Blest Redeemer when he breathed".
Sermon. Acts 2:4. "Filled with holy ghost".
Eccelesiar lesson of Whitsunday in distinction from
Christmas & Easter, to follow God's Spiritual In-
fluence.
Silent Prayer. Lord's Prayer Chanted.
Hymn 102. "Wilmet" - Congregation.
Benediction.

Attendance very good - & weather beautiful for
almost the first time since May came in -

Sunday June 7. 1868.

Pastor away on a visit to his family in Brattleboro, Vt. Rev. L. M. Merriek of Foxboro - for whom Rev. C. C. Sewall preached, occupied the desk.

83.

Sunday School. Mr. Moses Hartshorn directed. Mr. Merriek addressed the School on the Impartial goodness of God, illustrating by a paraphrase of the Good Samaritan.

84

Regular Service. Hymns. 33 - 324 81 -
Bible. Matt 26.

Sermon - Matt. 26:40 "Could ye not watch with me one hour."

Suffering & Virtue connected. Jesus needed sorrow as little as any man. This the best world for us. Great Suffering has compensations. Only the shallow are best when happiest. Those who avoid self denial have to practice it. Sympathy will fail sometimes. To have X's peace, must do X's deeds & be in harmony with God.

Kaim & Church not full.
This report from Miss Lizzie Richardson.

Monday. June 14. 1888.

Pastor still absent, Mr. Edward Crounshield of
Marblehead & Cambridge Divinity School officiated.

Staying at Miss Langley's, by her advice he preached
a sermon less radical than was his intention.

85.

Sunday School. Mrs. Hartshorn directed.
Address on Goodness of God & need of gratitude.
Mr. C. heard the Bible class.

86.

Regular Service. Hymns. 481-463-179

Sermon. 1 Cor. 3:21. "All things are yours."

Meaning different from that commonly given = "Life is what
we make it." Freedom of Choice. Life the Condition of the
Soul. Heaven ditto. Gradual deterioration by sin.

World of Pleasure is what we make it. We live in a
world of our own Creation. Home's blessings.

Temptations may be blessings.

Pleasant weather. Attendance good.
& the people interested.

This report from Miss Lizzie Richardson.

Sunday June 27th. 1868.

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Mr. Wiggin here again. Sunday School thinly attended on account of rain showers following intense heat. Store barrels just removed.

Pastor's Lesson. on Epistle of James.

Being the Sunday nearest the Summer Solstice, the day belonged to the Unitarian Class. Louisa Shumway recited a poem - "A mother's gift", presenting a bible to her brother who had just repeated an extract from Greenwood on the Scriptures. Well Done.

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Hymns 733 (Summer) 356 (Unit.) 559 Doxology. Bible Revs. 3:14-21.

Sermon. Revs. 3:17-18. the Spirit's word to the Laodicean Chh. that it should know its deficiencies & supply them - Oppie Denomination Organization. Nature, politics & Science organized. So all other Christian sects. Unitarians not at all organized as chhs till 3 yrs ago. Our unorganized condition makes us weak & loses us respect. Unitarianism was born rich, with parishes already made. Like a scattered Parcel of Cars on railroad, our chhs need Coupling. before the train can go. This discussion suggested by the approaching County Conference concerning which many notices were given. A fine bouquet from Miss Adie Moore. Congregation good considering the weather, very good. Temperature fell very suddenly to need of a fire.

Parochial Events June 1868

Social Circle. Thur. 4th. Daniel Curtis,
Committee of Ladies Chosen to Superintend the Con-
ference Collection. June 24th. A Mr. Strout of Boston
friend of pastor was present.

Wedding. 4th Eve.
Robert Pope Jr. formerly of Maine & Miss Julia A.
Ellis - at residence of her father Caleb Ellis Esq.
House finely decorated with flowers. Relatives
present from all quarters. Ceremony performed by
the pastor in his robe. - the 1st time it had been used
outside the pulpit.

Ladies Society. Gershom Adams. June 18th.
Arrangements for Collections.

Committees on Conference - eve of 18th at Mr.
Wm Hewins. Chief business to collect provisions
& money.

At public Service June 21. Mr. Samuel Ellis
offered a resolution that all attend the Conference -
that Mr. & Mrs. Phos. Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Elias Borden,
Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Harding, Mr. & Mrs. John Ellis, Mr. &
Mrs. Chas. Hamant, Mr. Page, Mr. Ruggles, Mrs. Abigail
Shumway & Mrs. Jacob Clarke. Specially represent us, & Mrs
Hamant report the Condition of the Society.

Parochial Events. June 68.

Death. Miss Lucy Turner - 85.

Funeral. Fri. June 19. Rev. A. W. Carr, baptist officiated, Mr. Wiggins not having been expected to be in town.

Missionary work. Mon. 29 June. Pastor went with Mr. Moses Hartshorn to Holliston & made arrangements for an ~~early~~ service there soon, with Messrs Blodgett & Abbott.

July.

Conference. Pastor's. Wed. July 1.

Well attended & profitable. "What is Religion".

Norfolk Co. Sunday School Convention. 18th.

Jamaica Plains. Dr. Thompson's Chh. July 2^d.
Attended by Pastor & 22 others.

An interesting occasion. Essay by Mrs. Smith of Walpole.

Myrtle Class meet at Pastor's & rehearse for their Sunday.

Conference. Mr. Henry Richardson's. Wed. July 8.

"What is Salvation?"

The Bell Bibles of the other Chhs were taken by Randies before the 4th. One remained, or was taken & then brought back.

Norfolk Co. Conference

The Circular & "Register" notices & report - the latter made from the pastor's jotting - will sufficiently explain the services connected with the County Conference -

Additional notes.

Over night ladies from Mt. Pleasant Chh - Roxbury - 9 - from Beverly one. & several ministers.

Rev. Dr. Morrison of Ellington was unable to be present but his wife came.

Several brethren did not speak but enjoyed Mrs. Derby entertained Dr. Shippen.

" " B. Howle, Miss Roulstone & Miss Todd of Mt. Pleasant.

Geo. M. Smith. - Miss Mary Weld of Beverly.

Dan. D. Curtis. - Rev. C. J. Bowen, wife, daughter & Mrs. Gilman.

Elman Mason - Rev. Mr. Eldredge, Mrs. & Miss Rhoades.

Jos. Ware. - Hon. John C. Park & wife, Rev. G. L. Demarest.

Pastor. - Rev. G. W. Stacey.

Mr. Hewins. - Misses Whitman & Reade.

Dr. Richards. - Rev. D. J. Mumford & J. B. Green.

Miss Kate Harkhorn as Comm. collected nearly \$70 for the Collection. \$20 of it used in the purchase of Crochery for purposes of the Society of Ladies.

MEDFIELD, June 1, 1868.

To the Pastor and Society of Liberal Christians worshipping at

Medfield

The Board of Officers of the "Norfolk Conference of Unitarian and other Christian Churches," have directed me to issue notices for a meeting at Medfield, on Wednesday, June 24th, at 9 A. M., to be continued through the day.

You are requested to be represented thereat, by the Pastor, and at least six Delegates, male or female; and it is hoped that every Society will be fully represented.

Please furnish me (the Secretary) a list of names, as soon as possible after you arrive at the place of meeting.

Vacancies in the Board of Officers will be filled at this meeting. A By-Law will be offered authorizing the Board of Officers to fill vacancies in their number, when they occur, during the year.

At the request of the Board of Officers, Rev. CHARLES J. BOWEN will submit an Essay; subject,—“How can the Christian Church maintain its rightful position and influence in promoting the moral and religious life and force of the community?” It is hoped that this Essay, which is to be suggestive and not exhaustive, will lead to an interesting and useful discussion.

The first hour after recess will be devoted to brief statements from each Society, as to its experiences and progress both spiritual and temporal, during the past year.

C. C. SEWALL, *Sec'y.*

NORFOLK COUNTY CONFERENCE. — Arrangements have been made with the Woonsocket division of the Hartford and Erie Railroad, whereby all persons attending the Conference at Medfield, Wednesday, June 24, may receive *return tickets free*. These tickets will be in the hands of the undersigned for distribution on the day of the Conference. Trains leave Worcester depot Boston at 7 1-4 A.M., and 3 1-4 and 4 3-4 P.M. Fare from Boston 55 cents. Every attendant should now bring an extra friend. Let there be a full attendance.

J. H. WIGGIN,
Pastor Medfield Church.

N. B.—A late train will leave Medfield for Boston and intervening stations at 5.15 P. M. on Wednesday.

NORFOLK COUNTY CONFERENCE.—Delegates from the churches of the Conference, and all others friends in the faith, will be cordially welcome to the hospitalities of the Medfield church during the next session of its Conference. In addition to the regular meeting of the Conference (Wednesday, June 24), there will be a public service in the church the evening before (Tuesday), and also at the close of the Conference. Any friends who may wish to be present on the evening of the 23d, or who may find it more convenient to come at that time, will be gladly accommodated, and our ministers are especially invited at that time.

Trains leave Worcester depot Boston, at 7 1-4 A.M., and at 3 1-4 and 4 3-4 P.M.

In behalf of the Medfield parish.

J. H. WIGGIN, Pastor.

LOCAL CONFERENCES.

NORFOLK COUNTY CONFERENCE.

Accepting the hospitable invitation of the Medfield friends, a goodly delegation arrived the evening before. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, and indeed the whole interior structure had been greatly beautified since most of us had seen it.

Tuesday evening, June 23d.—An interesting service was held, but not so fully attended as we could wish. The congregation joined in familiar hymns. Rev. Geo. L. Demorest (Universalist) of Milford opened the exercises. Rev. T. J. Mumford of Dorchester offered prayer, and Rev. Mr. Eldridge, who has lately come among us, closed the services. Rev. R. R. Shippen of Worcester preached the sermon, founded upon a scripture which he had read in the story of Naaman, "Wash and be clean." To be saved is to be in *spiritual health*. The symptoms of spiritual ill-health were keenly presented, and glowing pictures given of the sick and the healthy soul. The question of the efficacy of sacraments and doctrines in saving us is, what effect have they upon character? Men are ready to do any great thing to propitiate God rather than obey him.

Wednesday, June 24th.—At eight o'clock a prayer and conference meeting was held, conducted by Rev. G. W. Stacy of Milford, now in charge of the church in Sharon. "Peace of spirit, independent of circumstances," was the keynote. Messrs. Shippen, Bowen of Roxbury, Green of Chelsea, and others, spoke and prayed. At nine the friends from other towns began to arrive.

The Conference proper opened at nine and one-half with prayer by Rev. Mr. Adams of Templeton, and the reading of the call. Hon. John C. Park presided most admirably. Rev. C. J. Bowen read a fine essay—"How can the Christian church maintain its rightful position and influence in promoting the moral and religious life and force of the community?" which elicited much thought. Addresses, suggestive and full of the best spirit, were made by the Chairman, Rev. Messrs. Stacy, Green, Eldridge, Chas. Lowe (Secretary of the American Unitarian Association), Hill of South Dedham, Patterson of Roxbury and Demorest (Universalist), Messrs. Wm. Chickering of Dedham, Craig, Lewis of Framingham, and others.

An amendment was passed enabling the board of officers to fill its vacancies hereafter.

Rev. Wm. B. Smith of Walpole prayed, and then 300 friends from other places adjourned to the vestry to enjoy the large-handed hospitality of Medfield, which did honor to the beauty of the village. Grace was said by Rev. E. Gifford of West Dedham.

At one and one-half we again assembled in the church. Rev. Mr. Piper of Canton offered prayer. Rev. H. Alger of South Natick, for the committee previously appointed, reported Rev. Geo. Hill of South Dedham, and Dr. Spooner of Dorchester to fill vacancies now existing in the board of officers.

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*Pres. Eve.
Lewin*

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*Roxbury Chapel
a student in
charge.*

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Rev. T. J. Mumford offered resolutions, which were passed, in memory of Bro. Jas. P. Walker. Reports from the churches were then listened to:—

DEDHAM.—Moves on with the impetus given by

Rev. Mr. Bailey, who left last winter, and the interest was reported as not falling off, by Mr. Chickering.

DOVER.—Rev. C. S. Locke, is supplying there, and reported the society as left in a good condition by Rev. Geo. Proctor, who has removed to Westminster.

CANTON.—Rev. Mr. Piper, has built a parsonage and purchased a fine organ; so raising \$6000 above the usual expenses.

WEST DEDHAM.—Rev. E. Gifford, is doing well.

DORCHESTER.—First Parish.—Rev. N. Hall, has given during the past year, for benevolent purposes, \$8000.

HARRISON SQUARE.—Was not represented.

DORCHESTER.—Third Parish.—Rev. T. J. Mumford, reported an effective Christian Union of Young Men.

NEPONSET.—Rev. H. D. Catlin, progressed as usual.

JAMAICA PLAIN.—Dr. Thompson, reported spiritual life, and a commendable activity in social matters. The pastor followed his report with a telling speech on church foundations in Christ.

MEDFIELD.—Spoke for herself in the Conference, and was further reported by Chas. Hamant, Esq., as never in better condition than now. During the year \$1600 given for repairs on the church and bell, the Sunday-school was in good condition, congregation had greatly increased, and for this success the parish felt indebted to the efforts of the pastor, Rev. J. H. Wiggin. Various sums have been raised for benevolent purposes, and vespers and lectures held in addition to the *one* service.

SOUTH NATICK.—Rev. H. Alger, reported the young people organized for religious help.

MT. PLEASANT.—Rev. Mr. Bowen, reported in detail some special services held there, and the effective unions of the ladies and young people.

SHARON.—Had painted the church and locked it up, but Rev. G. W. Stacy had awakened an interest and would preach there the coming year.

SHERBORN.—Rev. Wm. Brown, announced progress in Sunday-school.

WALPOLE.—Rev. Mr. Smith, about as usual. Some spiritual life awakened and more wanted.

SOUTH DEDHAM.—Rev. Geo. Hill, succeeds especially in social religious meetings.

ROXBURY.—Universalist Church.—Rev. M. Patterson, is full of life; many have joined the church. \$10,000 have been raised for the meeting house, and fifty children have been baptized.

HYDE PARK.—Mr. Hamilton, of the Boston School for the Ministry, has charge of this society at present, but did not feel competent to give any definite report.

FOXBORO.—Rev. J. M. Merrick, reported decided advances, both in temporal and spiritual affairs.

The Secretary of the Conference, Rev. O. C. Sewall, stated that in all twenty-two churches were represented in the Conference.

Boston. 13. Tremont Row
June 25. 1848.

Rev. Mr. Wiggin

Dear Friend,

Your post-ponement un-

til the very last moment of the agreeable surprise of your letter hats, gave me but little opportunity to express my thanks to the kind ladies, for their timely, tasteful and appropriate gift. It will be some satisfaction to them to know that the fruit of their generosity will be that several children will be immediately enabled to attend our Chapel Sunday School, who are now unprovided with head coverings.

Was not Gode good to us! How excellent, how perfect each in its kind, every thing seemed to be!

I am very glad that I and my wife went up on the previous night. We had thereby such an opportunity to cultivate the acquaintance of the excellent persons to whose kind and hospitable you assigned us; - and to survey and enjoy the beauties of your village, - and to listen to that bugle-call to duty and a religious life from Mr. Shippen.

And the sweet morning prayer meeting, and afterwards the rapid influx of cheerful Christians, who had not come

to be men a fallen race, but to rejoice that Christ had revealed a "Father" yearning in love to us; and had taught us that life is a blessing, and death is but a transition to a higher life, if we will but yield ourselves entirely to the guidance of Christ; - and wear his easy Yoke. -

How could we have collected in your beautiful Temple, and sat face to face with those words "God is love," - and then have gone away with bitter feelings towards any one thus seeming to add, - "but man is hate!"

The harmony, the devout spirit, the zealous fervor, the free-spoken exhortation to duty which pervaded our Conference from beginning to end was gratifying, - was glorious!

Did we not seem to be under immediate divine guidance? It was that, and no device of man which kept the stirring appeals of Dr Thompson and Mrs Hanafora for the cause.

Then again how my heart dwells with delight on the true spirit of Christian Brotherhood, with which the Universalists met with us... not mingling, but flowing side by side, in the same channel, leading to a knowledge and practice of the Truth as it is in Jesus.

I am not a little proud (may not Christians be proud of some things) of the contributions made by the Mt Pleasant Society, - in Mr Bowen's nearly perfect-
Example, and in the clerical outburst of Melody from

our large delegation.

As for the Medford people, - our car-seats, as we termed, were filled with persons bound in their commendation of every body and every thing. The frank, cordial unaffected hospitality with which we were, each and all, treated, can never be forgotten.

I congratulate you personally, upon your success and position, and am glad to see that your people appreciate what God has done for them in leading them to place themselves unreservedly under your pastoral charge.

"God make us more faithful, earnest and holy!"

Yours with great consideration
and esteem

John F. Park

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Rev. Mrs. P. A. Hanaford (Universalist) made a telling speech on church music, with special reference to some "spirituals" sung by Mr. Bowen's family and society.

"Lord make me patient," delighted our ears and hearts several times during the day, and Mr. Bowen told its story. Mrs. Bowen had learned it of a negress who had eight children to support. A collection was forthwith taken of about twenty-four dollars for the poor woman.

Rev. J. B. Green read a sermon on "Having all things in common"—the spirit that gives liberally because all things belong to God. The discourse contained many telling hits at selfishness and "respectable sinners."

The Conference closed at five o'clock with prayer and benediction from Rev. J. H. Wiggin, and the customary doxology.

This was the largest Conference yet held in the county, and pronounced by many the most interesting.

THE MANNER OF CONDUCTING LOCAL CONFERENCES.

I wish to say a few words on the best manner of conducting our Local Conferences. The Board of Officers of the Norfolk County Conference at an early stage of the existence of this organization, adopted the view, that these "Local Conferences" were intended to be Conferences of churches, and not like the usual conference and prayer meetings of individuals. That, therefore, the churches or societies, assembling through their delegates, were to consult for their mutual good, to suggest modes of action as bodies, and to relate their past experiences, difficulties, successes or failures as churches and societies. To make these gatherings profitable, therefore, to these ends three things seemed particularly desirable.

First. To imbue them, at the outset, with an earnest, devout and prayerful spirit. To this end a service on the preceding evening, or a conference and prayer meeting early on the morning of the "Conference," and frequent seeking for God's guidance and blessing by fervent prayers intermingled with the discussions, have been introduced, each and all of which, it is believed, have been highly useful in effecting the purpose intended.

Second. As these are important subjects which might be brought before such an assembly, sufficiently numerous to consume many days, if each was to be introduced and fully discussed; and as each delegate might have some favorite subject, upon which his mind had been exercised, and which he might very properly wish to bring before the Conference, which if done, would produce a desultory and disjointed series of remarks by which time would be consumed with no useful, tangible or practical results, this course has been adopted.

To request some competent individual to prepare an essay suggestive and not exhaustive upon some subject, previously and carefully selected by the Board, and announced in the circulars by which the meeting is called. This essay, when read, is made the topic of discussion among men whose minds, by this previous notice, have been led to think on the subject. This, with the great aid of the essay to lead and give definite outline, keeps the discussion from being discursive. The essay puts in the drawing, as the painters say, while the subsequent colors, lights and shade are added by the speakers. The experience of the Conference has confirmed them in the belief of the utility of this course.

Third. The meeting being a Conference of churches and societies it was thought wise to set apart an hour once a year, to listen to brief statements from each society, in the hearing of the large delegations from their sister societies, as to their spiritual and temporal experiences as societies during the preceding year. Thus methods which have led to success and spiritual progress as bodies of Christians are suggested, for the example and adoption of others if thought advisable. These statements are made sometimes by the laymen, sometimes by the pastors, with great usefulness, it is believed; and here it is worthy of remark that the tone of these reports, at the late Conference was characterized on the one hand, by a devout thankfulness to God, and no spiritual pride, where efforts had been successful, and a hopeful trust in God's love, with no despondency, but with a new and determined self-consecration to work when less favorable results had been obtained.

The three points above named were kept constantly in view at the late Medfield Conference, and while the outbursts of devotional hymns, the fervency of earnest prayer, and the outspoken, independent debate kept the interest of the meeting unflagging, it was delightful to mark the cheerful countenances of all, for we had assembled in the full faith of God's loving fatherhood.

A most pleasing feature of the assemblage was the fraternization of the denominations. The Universalists met with the Unitarians, not losing their individuality but flowing on in the same channel of an earnest desire to build up the kingdom of truth as it is in Jesus. We owe much to the strong appeals and words of encouragement which fell from the lips of Messrs. Demorest, Hill and Patterson, and Mrs. Hanaford, all Universalists, and it is gratifying that the Conference added strength to our board of officers by placing Rev. Mr. Hill upon it.

J. C. P.

Sunday - June 28. 1868.

93.

Regular Service at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ - Changed from the
winter & Spring custom of P. M. Service.

Rev. J. W. Bush - former pastor - officiated, though
Mr. Wiggins was at home.

Hymns 303-280-52. Bible. Woman at the Well &c.
Sermon Extemporé on the Conference. "gather up the
fragments." Need of faith & aggression. Letter read
from Rev. John C. Park - (Vide.)

Mr. Wiggins supplemented the sermon with a few
remarks on tracts. & their circulation.

94

Sunday School.

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General lesson on James & Jude.

Mr. Bush also spoke to the children. & was much
pleased with everything.

New hymn learned - the Spiritual - "Lord make me
more patient" &c. learned at Conference.

Jamaica Plain Sunday School Co. Society.
& attendance talked over.

Beautiful day.

Flowers from Miss Adie Moore.

Sunday. July 5. 1868.

95.

Regular Service. at 10 1/2.

Bible. II Macc. 6. Hymns 750-743-749 (National)

Sermon. "Shall a nation be born at once?" Isa 66:8

Crisis in national affairs. 2 parties needful in a country. One party succeeds another on the strength of a great principle. Though New England decay, yet the nation may prosper still. Charity the need now.

96.

Sunday School. Thin because of the extreme heat. Pastor's Review of Historical Books of the New Testament.

97.

Communion at 6 o'clock; a pleasant season, the air having been cooled with showers; & the village a fresh park of living green.

Bible. I Cor. 11. Hymns. 854-625-645-60.

Remarks on Phil 1:11. "Filled with fruits of righteousness in Jesus Christ."

Character before any form of faith in Christ's person or office.

"Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God.

He to save my soul from danger,
Interposed his precious blood."

This verse expressed the pastor's indebtedness to Jesus. Going to the Testament for theology, Jesus grasped his hand never to let it go.

Musie by Miss Robinson.

Beautiful flowers from Miss Addie Moore.

Sunday July 12. 1868.

98.

Regular Service. Exercises shortened on account of the heat which was extreme.

Bible. John 1:1-18. Hymns 815-259-256. (Jesus.)
Sermon John 1:14. "The Word was made flesh & dwelt
Among us."

Why made flesh? Because of a desire & need of human nature that thought & affection take form. Man solitary, social & religious has the same disposition - God made it & gratifies it. Jesus is the Condensation of God's emotions, the Crystallization of his thought, the incarnation of his word, or utterance, the vindication of his purpose.

99.

Sunday School.

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Pastor's Review of Histories of New Testament.

New tune: "Portuguese Hymn". Well sung.

"Myrtle" Class-Day. "Branches" recited thus.

Jenny Clarke - "Daisies in Heaven".

Lizzie Smith. "Jesus is my Shepherd".

Abby Riker. "Sunday School".

Eliza Richardson. "Gentle Words".

Adie Mason. "What the Winds Bring".

Nelly Howard, Abby Plympton & Jenny Smith.

Later - Pastor went to Holliston with Mr. Addison Sumner, & preached in the heat to a few liberals in the Town Hall which will hold 1000 people. 1st attempt there.

July Events

Thus 9th the Baptist Sunday School held its Semi Centennial. In 1817 through the Widow of Dr. Prentiss of this chh, the 2 Societies, Baptist & 10th Cong'l, united in a School held in a school house - John Wickliffe Adams Superintended.

Now the Baptists, though somewhat smaller in numbers, held the anniversary, entirely ignoring in every possible way the existence of our Society & Minister — though two weeks ago they were invited to participate in our Conference. As Minister & People. A notice was indeed sent to such as might anywhere be posted, not an invitation.

The occasion was rendered interesting by the presence & speeches of past pastors &c.

Conference. Wed. 15. Jos. Clarke's.

Thought & prayer chiefly directed to the frontiers
with the young men for taking - prior to the 4th,
- the bell tongues from the Baptist & Orthodox Church.
~~At present a slave is bound near to~~
~~the same spot, but, as the same is~~
~~a point.~~

Social Circle, Thurs. p. m. 16.
at Curtis Hall

Pastor family returned on the 6th after 3 mos absence

THE PULPIT.

ESSAY,

READ BEFORE THE

NORFOLK CO. CONFERENCE OF UNITARIAN AND
OTHER CHRISTIAN CHURCHES, AT MED-
FIELD, JUNE 24.

BY REV. C. J. BOWEN.

The subject proposed for our consideration to-day is, "How can the Christian church maintain its rightful position and influence in promoting the moral and religious life and force of the community?" I am asked to offer a few suggestions upon the subject that may lead to a further discussion of it.

The question implies the fact that the Christian church does *not* maintain its rightful position in this respect—or, at least, it implies a doubt about the full and free exercise of the moral and religious influence of the church over the community, else the question would never arise. And is there not *reason* for the question and the doubt? Is the Christian church, as a whole, the power for good in the community that it might be and ought to be? Has it that abundance of life in itself that it imparts freely of life to others? We should be false to facts and blind to realities if we ignored the many and the great achievements of the Christian church in the ways of charity and benevolence and humanity. It is *not* the dead, and formal, and useless thing that men would sometimes make it appear. It is not an effete and antiquated system whose life has gone out, and is of no more use in the world. They speak rashly and unadvisedly of that *living* body of Christ, who call it dead, when they say that the Christian church is a lumbering and cumbersome form, in the way of progress, and insensible to the spirit of the age. The church is surely doing Christ's work in the world and so it is doing God's will, by feeding the hungry, and clothing the naked, and leading the blind, and comforting the afflicted, and reclaiming the wandering, and saving the lost. And yet, who can say or feel, on the other hand, that the church is the power that it ought to be—that it has the commanding, potential influence over men that it should have? With all its machinery it fails to accomplish the work that it is set to do—and this is because it lacks a united front. It loses the strength that comes by union. The church, the individual church, is, for the most part, left to the keeping of the minister. He is expected to do the work. But one single-handed workman cannot do the work. One man may cultivate your little garden spot, and keep it free from weeds, and train and trim the vines, and gather the fruits; but you must have other hands to help him cultivate the broad fields. A minister can only do the work of one man, and the best work of the best man *unaided* is insufficient for the task. He must have helpers, or much needed work will be left undone.

I shall assume the fact, that the rightful position of the Christian church is the promotion of the moral and religious life and force of the community. It exists for this. It is *not* a school of philosophy, or science, or metaphysics, or politi-

cal economy, or sectarian bigotry, but it is a school of Christ upon earth, of which he is the teacher and guide to God, and his gospel of truth is the lesson to be studied and practiced by his disciples.

As the university stands for intellectual and scientific culture, and the professional school for a preparation and equipment for the several professions, so the Christian church stands for the quickening and application of the moral and religious powers. It is not an arsenal where polished and sharpened weapons are kept ready for warfare in doctrinal and theological contentions. It is not a debating club for the discussion of theories and abstract ideas. It is not an asylum for the safe retreat of the sick, and weak, and helpless, and useless, but it is a union of men and women under the leadership of Christ the Lord. Seeking together the truth of God, and helping one another to a higher and happier life. It is a league for purposes of *worship* and *work*; for prayer and practice; "for getting good and doing good."

How should the Christian church stand related to the various methods and organizations that exist for the promotion of the moral and religious life of the community? What place should the church have among these various bodies?

It should be in the *advance*, and have the *leading* position of all. Not by reason of any assumed and excessive authority; not by reason of any false pride or jealousy towards other organizations; not by any poor *assumption* of power or place at all, but by reason of its superiority over all; because it is higher and better than others, and gives more life and truth. It should lead all by the winning grace of a broad *charity*, which welcomes all sincere men and women within its fold, and by an open-hearted *hospitality* which makes strangers feel at home and at ease, and converts them all into good angels of mercy and love.

The Christian church, like its great leader and Lord, should be in the van of all moral and religious forces; never lagging behind, nor found straggling from the ranks of the army of the Lord which would march on and possess the land. Holding up the broadest standard of morality and religion as found in the gospel of Christ, it should welcome the people to its ranks and be able to say with persuasive power, "Come with us under this broad banner of liberty, and holiness, and love, and let us do something for the Father's kingdom in the world." It should lead, by its example, the most earnest and zealous seekers after righteousness, and never be a restraint, by its indifference or lukewarmness, to activity in any good cause. Men and women should never be forced, by lack of sympathy, to go out of the fold of the church, to seek and find something better, and heartier, and holier, and more inspiring, and more Christ-like elsewhere. This is a sad thing to happen; where people wander away from the church as from a broken cistern, craving a sympathy and a supply of spiritual life which it does not give. This is a sad thing, when the church, by its coldness and selfishness repels all warm-hearted and earnest souls from its companionship.

But while the church, we think, should lead and keep in advance, let no one claim for it an *exclusive* privilege, that shall make it the *only* lawful means of promoting the good of men. Let no one be so short-sighted as not to see any good outside of the church. Let no one look with any jealousy upon other methods for doing good. I believe that the church, that our Unitarian branch of the church, is large enough, and broad enough, and free enough for any and every Christian purpose and cause. No reasonable man has any ground of complaint for want of freedom within its bounds. It is *charitable* enough for all Christian purposes. It is alive to all Christian work. It welcomes all earnest and sincere laborers. It gives voice to all moral and religious impulses. But while this is my conviction—while I believe that the church is comprehensive enough and inclusive enough, and that men need not seek elsewhere for spheres and opportunities to do the work which the Christian church is striving to do, and which it *would* do more effectually, if it had the united sympathy of all good men and true—while I believe this, I will not judge others who do not feel as I do, nor follow the same leader in the same path. I would not waste fruitless opposition upon those organizations outside of the Christian church which have for their object the good of men. They may not be *perfect* systems. They may not be in harmony with public opinion in all respects, but the church is not perfect in human keeping, and yet society cannot spare any institution that has a right purpose and that enlists the sympathies of good men. There is room enough in the world and work enough for Free Masonry, and Odd Fellowship, and Temperance Leagues, and Christian Associations, and the Grand Army of the Republic, which is the special friend of the soldier, but none of these, nor all of them together will ever occupy the place of the Christian church, nor will they ever supersede it, so long as the church is true to its mission.

Let there be no fear of this, and no jealousy, but rather let there be God-speed to every worthy effort inside or outside of the church. When the disciple came to Jesus excited and indignant with those who were doing good in their own way, saying, "Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbade him, because he followeth not with us," Jesus said unto him, "Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is with us." If men will not come into the church, let the church go out to them and work with them

and win them by its earnest efforts to do good unto all. Let the church *compel* the world to take sides with it in mutual acts of charity and good will, and they will not long remain apart. Let its light shine before men that they may see its good works and they will glorify God and magnify the Lord together.

The answer that I have been trying to give throughout to the question propounded is this:—Let the Christian church *assert* its rightful position and maintain it, by being the *leader* in all moral and religious enterprises; by showing its faith by its works; by winning men to its support and fellowship through its activities and charities and hospitalities. Let the church only *have* life

in itself, and it will attract living souls to its communion, and impart life to others.

It is easy to *say* this, but it is hard to find it realized; and it never can be realized without the union of the minister and the people in a common work. If the congregation be only an *audience* on Sunday mornings; if the only relation to a church be that of a *listener* to a sermon and to the music of the choir; and church membership consist of partaking of the Lord's supper at a stated time, we may easily read the *character* of that church, and see that its *appearance* of prosperity is not real, and has no abiding strength, and we may predict that as soon as the fine preaching and fine music fail, its days of outward flourishing will also fail. But that which is essential to the real life, and permanence, and prosperity of a church, is the union of *worshippers* and *workers*, of hearers and doers of the word. The elements of real value in a church are those of loving and loyal hearts; people who love the church, and keep it, and stand by it, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, and who are not shaken and tossed by every breeze, nor driven away by any and every trivial cause; people who help the minister and bear his burdens; who feel that they have something to *do*, as well as to hear; something to give, as well as to receive; something to minister, as well as to be ministered unto. Let each person be imbued and pervaded by the spirit of *self-consecration* to the calls of the church where their lot is cast, and all indifference and dissatisfaction will be lost and forgotten in a hearty and consecrated zeal for the common good. Let people be *interested* in *work* and in *doing good to others*, and they will find happiness and satisfaction, and forget that they are neglected by others or are not esteemed as highly as they ought to be. But one thing you cannot do, and that is, prescribe and compel *social intercourse* of people, and it is not necessary to do so. You cannot compel people of the same church always to be socially interested and intimate. It is not always desirable to do so. The church is not for this. It is not to determine the likes and dislikes of individuals, the tastes or distastes. It is not to sit in judgment upon private relations and individual preferences. But there is a common ground for union and co-operation in every church, and upon that all may meet and work together, as all, of every name and faith, met together during the years of the war, and worked for a common cause, without reference to faith, or creed, or place. It was enough that hearts were filled with love for the union and for the perpetuity of what God had given and blessed, and it should be enough that Christ's work waits to be done upon earth, for all to be united in sympathy in doing that work in their several spheres with all their hearts and minds and souls.

If there were only a generous and earnest union of all the elements of the church in its common work and worship, the question would never arise, How can it maintain its rightful position? for in such a union of hearts and hands, in the name of Christ, there would be abundant joy and success.

Finally, do I not express the feeling of every Christian minister when I say that one of his disappointments and trials is to see the *unused* and *unconsecrated* material in his church, that could bring so much to pass? Men and women, young and mature and old, who, if they had the *will*, would see the way of usefulness and help and service open before them; who, if they had the spirit of *unselfish consecration* to the work of the Lord, would help the desert to blossom and the barren field to bear fruit.

MEDFIELD.

The "Norfolk County Conference of Unitarian and other Christian churches" held its regular meeting in this beautiful town, on Wednesday of last week, and was attended by a large concourse of pastors and delegates from the several churches in connection with the Conference, and from other churches in the vicinity. The exercises of the Conference proper were preceded by religious services on Tuesday evening, when an able and effective discourse, on "the healthful conditions of the soul," was delivered by Rev. R. Shippen, of Worcester, and by a prayer meeting, on Wednesday morning, conducted by Rev. G. W. Stacey, of Milford. These services tended to give tone and character to the subsequent exercises of the Conference, which were mainly devotional and spiritual throughout.

At the opening of the Conference proper, prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Adams, of Templeton; introductory remarks were offered by the President, Hon. John C. Park. Action was then taken upon the business matters of the meeting. An amendment of the Constitution was voted, giving authority to the Board of Officers to supply, hereafter, whatever vacancies in their number may occur between the annual meetings of the Conference. Existing vacancies were subsequently filled by the unanimous election of Rev. Geo. Hill, of South Dedham, in place of Rev. T. B. Forbush, and of Dr. J. P. Spooner, of Dorchester, in place of S. E. Guild, Esq.

An admirable and exhaustive essay was read by Rev. C. J. Bowen, on the question appointed for discussion, "How can the Christian church maintain its rightful position and influence in promoting the moral and religious life and force of the community?" This called forth suggestive remarks from Messrs. Stacey, Green, Eldridge, Lowe, Hill, Merrick, Thompson and Demarest, of the clergy, and from Messrs. Park, Chickering, Gragg, Lewis and others, of the laity. After prayer by Rev. Mr. Smith, of Walpole, the Conference adjourned to the vestry and partook of a bountiful collation provided by the ladies of Medfield.

Returning to the church, the afternoon session was opened with prayer, by Rev. Mr. Piper, of Canton. Reports from the various churches respecting the temporal and spiritual condition of each, were then made by their pastors, or some one of their

several representatives. These reports were all of a hopeful and encouraging nature. As evidence of the temporal prosperity of several of the churches, large sums of money had been raised, and appropriated to deserving objects of charity, abroad, or to necessary repairs, and enlarged church accommodations, at home. The spiritual life and growth of all the churches—though not in all cases fulfilling the hopes and wishes of their pastors—was evinced by deeper interest in Christian ordinances, in the Sunday school, conference meetings, and benevolent and Christian enterprises at home and abroad. The exercises throughout the day were interspersed with singing of the most touching and exalting hymns; and the whole effect of the meeting was fitted to create a more earnest, devoted and charitable spirit.

Different religious denominations, each having its individual belief and purpose, were here united in cordial fellowship, and in the most earnest desire and endeavor to promote a common object,—the prosperity and influence of the Christian church as the chief instrumentality in the religious and spiritual improvement and welfare of mankind.

One of the most pleasing incidents of the day, was the presence and deeply affecting words of Rev. Mrs. Hanaford, now pastor of a church in Hingham.

Resolves were passed in memory of the late J. P. Walker, Secretary of the Sunday School society, and one of the originators and most devoted friends of the Conference,—pledging the members to more ear-

nest efforts for the religious education of the young.

A resolve, also, offered by Hon. J. S. Sleeper, was passed, in grateful acknowledgment of the spirit in which the Conference had been received, and of the bountiful hospitality extended to it, by the friends in Medfield.

It should be known, and we would call attention to the fact, that one important object of the Conference is to render aid, in connection with the Secretary of the American Unitarian Association, to any parish whose pulpit is vacant, in securing a permanent pastor; and also, to secure permanent or temporary employment to every minister desiring the one or the other. Societies and ministers, wishing to avail themselves of this aid, are invited to correspond with the Secretary of the Local Conference, to which they belong. J. S.

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Gazette*

Sunday July 19. 1868.

Exchange with Rev. C. C. Vinal of North Andover
100.

Mr. Vinal preached on this text = "By their
fruits shall ye know them." All his services
were much enjoyed by the people.

101.

Mr. Vinal also addressed the Sunday School.
& taught the Bible Class.

Weather warm, very, but pleasant.

Eve. at 6 o'clock.

Public Sunday School Service. — the first.

1. Reading of a psalm by pastor.
2. 662. tune Craaford.
3. Prayer.
4. Spiritual. "Lord make me more patient".
5. Catechisms on Historic Books of New Testament.
6. 299. "In the Light" — Chorus.
7. Report of Secretary Ljoulding on Condition of the School.
8. 891. Portuguese Hymn. with Chorus Latin. "Venite Adoremus".
9. Recitations by Adel. Mason, Leodine Kingsbury, Jenny Clark & Abby Hartshorn. (See Class days preceding.)
10. 728.
11. Address by pastor. Isai. 28:10. "Line upon Line" & References to School history & story of "Maggi Knife".
Said at baptist anniversary lately that there were a body of people here who paid respect outward to God & religion but knew no such thing as sin & a savior.
Of a boy in Providence who, said his pastor, was taken from his father, a Unitarian, to a baptist school where he learned that there was a God!
12. 251.

Attendance good but not equal to the forenoon — many farmers not being able to come.
Fine flowers.

Sunday July 25. 1868.

102.

Bible Romo. 14. Hymns 48 357-352 Unity & Liberality.
Sermon on "What is Liberality in Religion?" from Romo.
14:5. "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own
mind."

The tendency of the times is towards liberality — but
liberality consists not in belief in certain doctrines
but in the spirit of their entertainment; (2) not in admitting
that in all churches there are Christians but that all
sects conscientiously claiming the name are Christian;
(3) not in fellowship with those who agree with us or are
behind us, but with those who oppose us; (4) not in in-
differentism — for the strongest zeal is compatible with the
highest liberality.

Chh very full. Many baptists &c. present

103.

Sunday School. well attended.

Usual review. Lessons.

Mr. & Mrs. Jos. Allen were present & spoke.

Mr. A. relating some refreshing instances of liberality
in Fredonia, N. Y. where he now is.

School briefer than usual.

Admirable bouquets.

Events July 1868

Conference. Jos. Clarke's. Wed. Eve. 22.
"How to become Christian".

Conference. Mrs. Grant's. Wed. 29. thinly attended.
"The Tests of ~~Y~~"

Ladies' Society. "Curtis" Hall. Thurs. 30.
August.

Conference - Geo. M. Smith's. Wed. 5. Aug.
"Repentance towards God." & general talk on Confere-
ences & their necessity.

Curtis Hall - Sun. eve. 9. Aug.
Experiment tried of a public Conference.
Attendance good & also the singing.
Pastor spoke of the morn's sermon - "Faith & Influence".
illustrated by the life of the late John Wilson Esq. of
Cambridge in whose burial services Mr. Wiggins had
taken part on Thurs. last. He was characterized by
industry, conscientiousness, Modesty, Courtesy,
religion, Unitarianism, Fearlessness of results.

The meeting was then opened but only six were
responded with a few words.

Mr. Bushman's Cabinet organ used.

Conference. Wed. Eve. Aug. 12. Dyer's. A full & good meeting.
Relation of Jesus' death to Sin.

Sunday Aug. 2. 1868.

105

Bible. Mark 8:22 through the Chapter.

Hymns. 431 - 318 - 437. "Soul".

Sermon. Mk 8:36. "For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world & lose his own Soul."

The world is not that outer but Pleasure, Comfort, Financial Profit, Art, Success - for which the Soul, the real life & value of it, are lost.

106.

School. -113- Bethlehem Day.

Pastor's Review of Paul's Church Letters.

Mt. Moses Hartshorn assumed Charge of the School in some departments.

Hattie Howle. "What is it to be a Lady."

Mabel Morse. "Child & Angel."

Semantha Frost. "Little Recruit".

Annie Richardson. "Goodnight to God".

Song: "Let it Pass" by the class.

Pastor played the Melodeon in absence of Miss Robinson & Mr. Geo. Bigelow played in the Church service.

Comm. Mr. Hartshorn, Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Ware & Mrs. Mr. Hewins appointed for a Picnic.

Flowers. none as usual.

Pastor preached in Holliston at 4 1/2.

Sunday Aug. 9. 1868

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Hymns 125-322-79.

Sermon: "If I may but touch the hem of his garment."
Faith & Influence - the subject.

Sermon rather longer than usual. but given without reading & very good.

Rev. W. Thurston was the preacher & Conducted all the services but the prayer which the pastor offered.

Notices of Picnic & also of an experiment to be tried in the evening at Curtis Hall, for which see a previous page.

108.

School. -100-

Picnic arrangements. Pastor spoke of his Sunday-School experience in Billerica 22 yrs ago. where only a few sang - when Bro. Thurston was pastor - & then bro. F. spoke.

General Lesson - review of Paul's Church Epistles.

Hard rain & thunder night & morning, & attendance thinner than usual.

New tune in School - Kern's Morning & Evening Hymn.

Aug. 16. In p. m. Pastor preached in Doves.

Sunday Aug. 16. 1868.

109

Hymns 710-174-407. "Grace". Bible. Rom. 5. "Grace".

Sermon 1 Pet. 4:10. "The manifested Grace of God".

Grace & Nature popularly opposed, not really. Nature is part of the Grace of God, which Grace is displayed as much in Creation as Redemption. Nature is Grace-full. Grace is Natural.

Rain in a.m. but Congregation good. Many strangers. Rev. C.C. Sewall attended chh. ~~from the 1st to the 15th~~
~~from the 1st to the 15th~~

110.

School - full. & lively. Picnic Arrangements.

General Lesson on Cor. & Gal. review.

New hymn - "Tis Summer - glorious Summer".

111

Eve. 6 O'Clock. Conference in Chh.

Music from "hymn & tune bk" 715.-699-621-456.

Pastor read the narrative of the "Woman at the Well".
& Spoke of Truth abiding forever in soul - & referred to a statement made last Conference (Sun. 9) that Mr. Wilson was a Unitarian still & would be forever.

Bro Locke of West Dedham made several brief speeches & very pointed. Dr. Richardson spoke briefly. & Mr. Jos. Allen made an excellent speech. Closed with our spiritual precisely at 7.

Miss Hattie Robinson was to leave for Washington but fortunately we are to have her services longer.

Parish Life. Aug. (68)

Sewing Society. Thur. Aug. 13. Curtis Hall.
Ladies had tea with Mrs. Thompson.

Picnic. Aug. 19. Wed. All Day. Wright's Grove.
Almost every Person in the parish Present.
Sky slightly Clouded but soon clear. Warm elsewhere but cool in grove.

Croquet, & after dinner, dancing. Swing &c.
Beautiful spread. Blessing asked by former pastor,
Rev. S. W. Bush. who also made a speech after the
collection. Speeches also from Rev. W. R. Babcock of
Warren St. Chapel, Boston, & Rev. Clarke, an elderly
minister now supplying the orthodox pulpit in Mfd.

People who had not their own teams were trans-
ported in L. W. Tuig's band wagon at 10 ct a head.
The Needfield Cornet Band played, & a melodeon
& violin & flute made music for dancing.

On the ground \$30 - 40 collected, thus bestowed.
\$10 Band. \$10 Nettie Robinson for past services in Sunday
School. \$5 for grove. Sundry dollars for washing,
& Mrs. Page for carrying the band. &c.
A very joyful occasion.

Standing Comm (at this picnic) decided to remove
service in p.m. instead of having it in morn. as now.

Sewing Society. Wed. Aug. 27. Curtis Hall.

Sunday Aug. 23. 1868

112.

Pastor was at home having been recalled from a summer journey to Princeton with the Langley's by the death of Mrs. Esther Ellis - 72.

Rev. Chris. C. Hussey who had been previously engaged by Mr. Wiggins to supply the pulpit, did so, preaching an admirable sermon on "the duties of liberal Christians to their religion". Ps. 60:4

"Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth".

Weather pleasant & Congregation good.

Hymns. 8 - 483 - 482.

113

Sunday School.

Mr. Hussey spoke finely.

Pastor's Catechism on Paul's Epistles.

114.

P.M. 2 1/2. funeral of Mrs. Esther Ellis. (Pastor had a short service at the home at 2.) Hymns. 523 - 525 - 879.

Prayer by Mr. Hussey of Billerica.

Scriptures. A Psalm 139:1-12. Isai. 43:1-7. Phil. 1:9-28.

Remarks on Mrs Ellis quiet goodness, friendship for the Chh, willingness to go hence - "To die is gain". Closing with verses "The dead are like the stars by day."

Prayer by the pastor.

Beautiful flowers. Disease, dropsy under lung.
Severe suffering for several weeks.

Sunday Aug. 30. 1868.

115

Bible. Acts 2:37-47. Hymns 43-503-477-618.

Sermon Acts 2:41. Joining the chh at Pentecost.

Subject: Reasons for not joining the church.

Outside reasons. Reasons of Preference. Interior Reasons.

1. No more good outside. Doubtful. 2. False notions prevalent.

True, then, should be emphasized.

3. Many join Orthodox Chhs with wrong motives.

Then we should join with right motives.

4. Sneers encountered. What if Jesus & Paul had dreaded worse.

Preference.

1. Self Sufficiency - proves need of humility & the chh.

2. Membership only one of many means of grace.

Yes - but in spiritual sickness use all means.

3. Profess in other ways. "Not leave the others undone".

Inside.

1. Too Conscientious. Mistake office of a chh.

2. Shall disgrace it. Strong resolution wanted.

3. Not good enough - Just why we should come.

4. Unfitness. If unfit for chh, unfit for life.

5. Lack of Christian Experience. That experience not miraculous but even day life.

6. Unreadiness - Will wanted - get ready.

7. Lack of Courage. Pray.

After a hymn, Dr. Richardson spoke;
Mr. Henry Richardson spoke; & Robert Preje

I wife were received with the Right Hand
of Fellowship & gifts of religious books.

Mrs. Dns. Pope (née John Ellis) were previously
baptized.

The service, which was ~~very~~ affecting, closed
with prayer & hymn.

A wreath around the basin was from Mrs.
Kimbourn (Geo. W.) & a mound & cross of flowers
came from the Wives.

Congregation large & attentive.

116.

Sunday School.

120.

Review Catechism.

Beecher class-day.

Solos by Mary Hewins & Mattie Robinson.

Duo by the same & Emma Frost. Class Song, Ditt.

Recitation "Sowing & Reaping." Emma Frost.

Reading - "Prayer" - Mattie Robinson.

An Interesting Day.

Mrs. Wiggins preached at Holliston late in the p.m.
A heavy thunder storm did great mischief, burning
Bradford Curtis barn at South End, & killing cattle elsewhere.

Sunday. Sept. 6. 1868.

117

Service & Sermon resumed at 13/4 - Regular Service therefore in p.m. & School at noon. Well attended. Pastor's lesson on Paul's Personal Epistles.

118

Bible. Titus 2. Pastoral Duty. Hymns 55-729-751-59. Season 4. Sermon Acts 11:26. "Paul & Barnabas a whole year at Antioch". Review of past year's work - work of minister & people together. Hall & chh 121 Services. Pastor, 46 Sermons & 57 Schools, including Bible Class &c. &c. 27 Sermons & 9 Schools elsewhere. 18 other Clergymen in this pulpit. 7 exchanges. 23 Conferences. 25 Social Circles. 767 Calls. 108 families or more. \$1830 expa, raised. No Special Suggestions for the future.

119

Lord's Supper. Bible. Matt. 26. part. Hymns. 49-539.-60. Matt. 26:40. "Can ye not watch" &c. Jesus constantly finds us sleeping. We should awake. If we cannot be like him in all things we can be alive to the interests which he would be alive to.

In prayers - references to Mrs. John Ellis' death & to the new Communicants.

A white mound with green cross in Centre from the Wares.

Many strangers in the p.m.

Parish Life. Sept. 1868.

Conference. G. Adams. Sept. 2. Pastor unwell but present & we had a pleasant meeting.

National Conference. Close of service Sun. p. m. 6th - Sept. Chas. Hamant, John Ellis & Pastor were chosen delegates to New York - Oct. 6th. Pastor's expenses to be paid.

Hymn Book. At the same time the question of changing the Hymn book was brought up, the Pastor presenting the Pros & Cons. Not definitely decided but left for each family to notify the pastor of its preference.

Conclusion that though none oppose, or few, yet a change seems scarcely desirable.

Sewing Circle. Thur. 10 - postponed by occupancy of hall for exhibitions.

Sewing Circle & Meeting. at Curtis Hall. Sept. 1st. Thur.

Wed. 16. Ministerial Association with bro. Gifford of West Dedham.

Sewing Circle. Thur. Sept. 31. Curtis Hall. Very few.

Marriage. Jas. Gardner of Boston & Louise Morse married at Mr. Jos. Clarke's - Mon. Sept. 7. 1868. by the pastor.

Sunday. Sept. 13 1888.

120.

School at noon.

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New time quickly learned.

Address by Mr. Edward Crowningthield of Marblehead & the Cambridge Divinity School, who was here in June.

Catechisms by pastor.

121

Hymns 47-424-196.

Mr. Crowningthield preached on "Incarnations & Inspirations" = "Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you". The purpose was to show that however great & good the bible may be & Jesus, yet other & present as well as ancient manifestations of God are made - a position not to be gainsaid, yet still ~~ly~~ stand as God's great religion.

The sermon was much abler than prayer or other services, as to be expected in a new preacher. The people noticed that in the Lord's Prayer he said: "Lead us into temptation."

Mr. Wiggin took no part in the services.

A correction was made to the effect that Rev. A. W. Carr of the Baptist chh was present at our Fast Day services, though unknown to us at the time.

Sunday. Sept. 20 1868.

122

School well attended.

Anniversary Hymns rehearsed.

Pastor's review of the Epistles.

123

Luke. 7:19. "Art thou he that should come? or look
wee for another?"

Is Christianity the Absolute Religion? Claimed for & by
our religion that it is the absolute religion of God. This
claim is implied in the name - not Jesuitism but
Christianity, derived not from the human title Jesus,
but the spiritual title Christ, or anointed. This
claim by many disallowed, especially by Radicals, is
proved in fact by its very maintenance -- for no
other religion tries to be universal or claims to be absolute.

Hymns. 212-278-47.

Bible. Luke 7:18-35.

This was Whittier's Class day in the Sunday School & the
Young Ladies - 4 of them read & recited pieces
from that poet.

Sunday Sept. 27. 1868.

124

School somewhat thin, the day being rainy.

Pastor's Review as usual. & a meeting of the teachers to make some arrangements about the Anniversary next Sunday.

125

Conclusion of last Sunday's Subject: the Identity of Christianity with the Absolute Religion. Proved in 5 points.
1. Universal Concession to Christianity's Superiority. 2. Fundamental Character of its ideas - which cannot be superseded. 3. Its Conformity to the Definition of Absolute in the Dictionaries. 4. Its power of personal & national regeneration. 5. Its history, never going backward. The fragments into which Christianity is broken prove it no local or petty religion but Comprehensive - to endure as long as God & man.

Hymns. 155. - 274 - 338. Bible 1 Cor. 3.

Text. 1 Cor. 3:11. "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

ORDER OF SERVICES

AT THE

ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

Medfield Unitarian Sunday School,

Sunday, Oct. 4, 1868. Three o'clock P.M.

N.B. — The Hymns are from the "Cheshire Collection," which will be found in the pews; and persons acquainted with the tunes are at liberty to sing, whether members of the School or not.

I. VOLUNTARY ON THE ORGAN.

BY THE ORGANIST OF CHURCH AND SCHOOL, MISS HATTIE ROBINSON.

II. INTRODUCTORY SCRIPTURE SENTENCES.

Read by Rev. Horatio Alger of Nahik

III. HYMN. 132.

(Omitting verse third.)

CHORUS. — Come, children, come! the bells are ringing,
To the school with haste repair;

Let us all unite in singing,

All unite in solemn prayer.

Prain the Lord, ye Heavens adore Him.

IV. PRAYER AND RESPONSE.

*by Rev. C. S. Locke of West Dedham.
now in charge of the Dorset Church.*

V. BIBLE READING

*by the pastor - Rev. J. H. Higgin.
last part of Luke 12.*

VI. HYMN. 890.

*"Now cheering the thought, that the
Angels in Bliss."*

VII. RESPONSIVE READING.

BY MINISTER AND CONGREGATION. THE NINETY-FIFTH PSALM.

Minister. O come! let us sing unto the Lord:*Congregation.* Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our Salvation.*Min.* Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving:*Cong.* And make a joyful noise unto Him with Psalms.*Min.* For the Lord is a great God:*Cong.* And a great King above all gods.*Min.* In his hand are the deep places of the earth:*Cong.* And the strength of the hills in his also.*Min.* The sea is his, and he made it:*Cong.* And his hands formed the dry land.*Min.* Oh, come! let us worship and bow down:*Cong.* Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.*Min.* For he is our God:*Cong.* And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

VIII. HYMN. 229.

(Three verses. The Congregation will please stand while this hymn is sung.)

CHORUS.—Glory, glory! let us sing,

While heaven and earth with glory ring;

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to Almighty God!

"Now to the Lord, a noble song."

IX. PRAYER.

BY PASTOR AND SCHOOL

*(Wherein all present are invited to join, not only in spirit but with voice also.)**the people repeating after the minister.*

X HYMN. 685

"There is a glorious word of light."

XI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT,

MR. MOSES HARTSHORN.

XII. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY,

MR. LOUIS GOULDING.

XIII. MUSIC.

Spiritual. "Lord make me more patient."*(Sung by all present.)**led by Miss Robinson.*

XIV. REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN,

MR. GEORGE W. KINGSBURY.

Hymn 251. "Christ, whose glory fills the skies."

XV. CATECHISM

ON THE EPISTLES OF THE NEW TESTAMENT. CONDUCTED BY THE PASTOR,—
A REVIEW OF HIS ORAL LESSONS GIVEN TO THE WHOLE SCHOOL
DURING THE PAST YEAR.

with a map.

XVI. HYMN. 649.

"When children give their hearts to God,"
(The Congregation standing.)

XVII. SHORT ADDRESSES BY CLERGYMEN.

Rev. Mr. Allen & C. S. Locke
Letters from Rev. G. A. Fisher & J. de Munnick.

XVIII. RECITATIONS BY THE PUPILS.

German Trust Song.—Leonine Kingsbury.

XIX. ANNIVERSARY HYMN.

WRITTEN FOR THE OCCASION BY MRS. L. J. H. GIFFORD, OF WEST DEDHAM.

"Little Willie,"
"Grading up,"
"Carny Frost."
(The Congregation is requested to stand.)

We come, with song, a gladsome throng
Of childhood, youth, and prime,
To crown the hours with love and flowers
Of Anniversary time.
A smiling year, without a tear,
From Heaven's protecting hand,
Hath banished fear, and brought us here,
A bright, unbroken band.

CHORUS.—Then let the hours be crowned with flowers,
By childhood, youth, and prime;
Let every voice with song rejoice,
At Anniversary time.

Each willing heart doth bear its part,
In harmony to move;
The pastor's care the people share,
While labor is in love.
The cherished names so dear to fame,
Our classes proudly bear.
Oh! may each heart, in life's glad part,
Their crowning virtues wear.

CHORUS.—Then let the hours, &c.

The Sunday School, with gentle rule,
 With foothold firm and sure,
 This truth shall prove, that law is love,
 And God's own church secure.
 We bring, to-day, our grateful lay,
 From happy hearts and true,
 For blessings past; oh, may they last,
 And gild our future too!

CHORUS. — Then let the hours, &c.

XX. BRIEF SPEECHES.

BY LAYMEN FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Mr. Jas. Allen of Newton
Lectured from Wm. W. Baldwin of Boston
 XXI. MORE RECITATIONS BY THE SCHOLARS.
"Greenwood Schrist" — Abbe Vlastchorn —
"Vandor's Teacher" — Julia Walecott.
 XXII. COLLECTION FOR THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN
 ASSOCIATION.
36.78 *Music on the Organ —*

XXIII. CONCLUDING REMARKS.

XXIV. HYMN. 856.

CHORUS. — Oh, hear us, oh, hear us,
 And give us light divine,
 With every needed blessing,
 That we may all be thine.

"The mellow Eves are gliding"

XXV. LORD'S PRAYER.

BY ALL PRESENT, IN CONCERT.

led by the pastor.

XXVI. HYMN. 849.

"Glory to thee ^(Three verses) my God this night."

XXVII. BEDEDICTION.

by the pastor.

*A fine display of flowers
 & autumn leaves. from
 many sources. 2 Crocus,
 anchor, pyramid &c. &c.*

Sunday. Oct. 4. 1868.

126.

Sunday School fully attended.
Drill for the Anniversary Service.
Catechism & music.

127

Sunday School Anniversary
as per annexed programme.

Between 22 & 23. the following persons were
chosen to represent us in County Conference
at Sharon the 14th.

Mr. & Mrs. Moses Varkshorn.

" " Geo. Kingsbury.

" " Wm G. Fisher.

" " Gilman Carey

" " Dr. Richardson

Miss Augusta Holmes.

Sunday. Oct. 11. 1868.

128

School at noon. Well attended.

Pastor commenced a doctrinal course of general lessons. 1st "Trinity & Unity"

2 new hymns learned. & tunes. The Scrap book of music was not present, being in the hands of Rev. L. L. Livermore, Secy of S. S. Society, & select some pieces. Both the Superintendent & pastor gave some encouraging words said to them by different parties about the services of last Sunday.

129

Hymns. 158-~~776~~-776. Bible. Acts 15. last half
Acts. 15:22. "Then pleased it the ~~apostles~~ & elders ~~with~~ the whole Council, to send chosen men of their own Company to Antioch."

As had pastor & delegates been to New York & this was the report. The ~~speeches~~ & results of the different meetings were detailed & the sermon closed with an account of the Field Day, Thur. morn, when in opposition to Dr. Bellows, Oxford & other leading men, the National Conference voted 326 to 12. an additional article to the Constitution, which is here enclosed - as finally passed. A triumph of the fundamental principles of the body. liberty for all thought. Dr. Bellows said if he were in the way he hoped God would knock him down with the 1st stick. God pierced him with

Ellis — Lathrop & Blake.

~~Tribune.~~

Tips.

Bellone's Confession.

Amendment to the Constitution.

as proposed by the Radicals
through J. H. Clarke, E. C. Hale
& Robt Collyer.

ART IX.—To secure the largest unity of the Spirit and the
widest practical cooperation, it is hereby declared that all ~~ex-~~
~~pressions~~ ^{declarations} in this Preamble and Constitution ^{of this Conference} are expressions
only of ~~the~~ ^{its} majority of the Conference, committing in no de-
gree those who object to them, and depending wholly for their
effect upon the consent they command on their own merits
from the Churches here represented or belonging within the
circle of our fellowship; ~~(and that we heartily welcome to that~~
~~fellowship all who desire to work with us in advancing the~~
~~kingdom of God.)~~ ^{# in Xp. Ch.}

Dr. Osgood's Amendment.

as finally passed.

Thurs. Field Day.
Preamble & Abbott
Caucus.

Clarke - Collyer^{"Grant"} & Hale

Osgood's Amendment.

Belmont - "Priestley".

Lothrop & Mayo.

Heywood & "Lot"

Grimmell.

Chowk

C. B. H.

Yoke.

Dilemma.

Hale's Compromise

"Previous Gn."

Blake. & Belmont.

Vote.

Result.

Victory Claimed by Both
Factions. Gifts.

a sharp reaction which divided soul & spirit
in the person of Rev. R. Laird Collier D.D. who
said that he must leave, though as Conser-
vative as Dr. Bellows, if the article were not
inserted. Dr. B. had already threatened to
leave the body if the article were inserted.

This Conference was attended by the delegates,
John Ellis & Chas. Hamant, & also by Mrs.
Hamant, D. D. Curtis, Rev. C. C. Sewall, Miss
Alice Sewall & Mrs. Irving Curtis, ~~though it~~
~~was not~~ ^{although the} ^{not} delegates ^{not} as regularly present as could
have been wished.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE.

The National Conference of Unitarian and other
Christian Churches will meet on Tuesday evening, Oct.
6th, at the Church of the Messiah, Rev. Dr. Osgood's,
at 7½ o'clock. Rev. H. W. Bellows, D.D., will preach
the opening sermon.

The Conference will meet for business on Wednesday
morning at 9½ o'clock, at Irving Hall. It is proposed
to take a recess at 1 P. M., for an hour, and to continue
in session at least till 4.30.

The first Missionary Meeting will be held on Wed-
nesday evening, at the Church of All-Souls, at half-
past seven o'clock.

The Conference will meet again for business on Thurs-
day morning, at 9.30, at Irving Hall.

The second Missionary Meeting will be held on Thurs-
day evening, at the Church of the Messiah, at half-past
seven o'clock.

The Conference will meet again for business on Fri-
day, and delegates are earnestly requested to make
their arrangements for continuing the session through
that day.

On Friday evening a public religious service will be
held at the Church of the Messiah.

The following subjects are on the docket of the Con-
ference for consideration, — some of them by order of
the Conference held at Syracuse, and some of them at
the instance of members who have brought them before
the Council: *Amendment of Constitution*

I. The Local Conferences of our body, and their
working in practice. This subject will be opened by
Rev. W. G. Scandlin. Rev. C. D. Ferry will follow on
Itinerant Missionary Work.

II. The methods of raising money by the Churches
of the American Unitarian Association. This subject
will be introduced by Rev. J. F. W. Ware and Rev.
Charles Lowe.

III. Theological Schools. This subject will be intro-
duced by Rev. R. Laird Collier of Chicago, D.D.

IV. The relations between this Conference and other
liberal religious organizations in America. Opened by
Rev. J. E. Clarke, D.D.

V. The relations between our Churches and the lib-
eral Churches of Europe. Opened by Rev. H. W. Bel-
lows, D.D.

VI. Our duty to the part of the population of our
cities who have no connection with the established
Churches, and take no interest in them. Opened by
Mr. W. B. Weeden, of Providence, R. I. *Geo. L. Barry*

VII. Our duties regarding education in the South-
ern States. Opened by Prof. A. Crosby, and Rev. Geo.
L. Cheney.

VIII. The relations of this Conference with the
African Methodist Church. Opened by Rev. Fielder
Israel, and Bishop Payne.

IX. The possibility of a literary, critical, scientific,
and theological review, which should combine the sup-
port of the liberal religious organizations of America.
Opened by Samuel Osgood, D.D., and Rev. J. H.
Allen. *Indian Missions - Ball.*

X. The best arrangements for assisting the publica-
tion of a liberal religious literature. Opened by Rev.
S. G. Bulfinch, D.D.

The meetings of the Conference are, of course, open
to any motions by its members. But the Council respec-
tfully urge members to give notice to either of the
secretaries, in advance, of their intention to present
other subjects, that a time may be appointed for their
introduction.

The secretaries are: — Rev. R. Laird Collier, Rev.
Augustus Woodbury, Rev. G. H. Hepworth, Rev. John
D. Wells.

Events Oct. & Nov. (68.

County Conference. Sharon. Thurs. Oct. 15.
A full choir & notwithstanding the weather, a fine
time & collation. About 20 persons went from our
Parish. Pastor made an address.

Sunday School Society. Worcester Oct. 20 & 21
attended by the pastor, Mrs. Geo. W. Kinsbury, Misses Kate
Robinson & Emma Rhoades. Much discussion about the Sun
School Gazette.

Sewing Circle. Oct. 15. Mrs. Hewins.

Temperance Convention in East Medway. Oct. 27.
Pastor & Chas. Ward attended. A full gathering.

Conference. Mrs. Daniel Adams. Wed. Oct. 28.
Communion Service the topic, generally discussed.

Fin Wedding. Louise & Moses Hartshorn -
Oct. 17. Sat. Eve. Speech of presentation by the pastor.

Conference. M^{rs} Hewins. Wed. Eve. Nov. 4. (68.
"What can I do for the Church of Christ?"
A very excellent meeting.

Annual Meeting of Sewing Circle. Daniel Curtis
Thurs. Nov. 5. Officers selected -
A fair decided upon.

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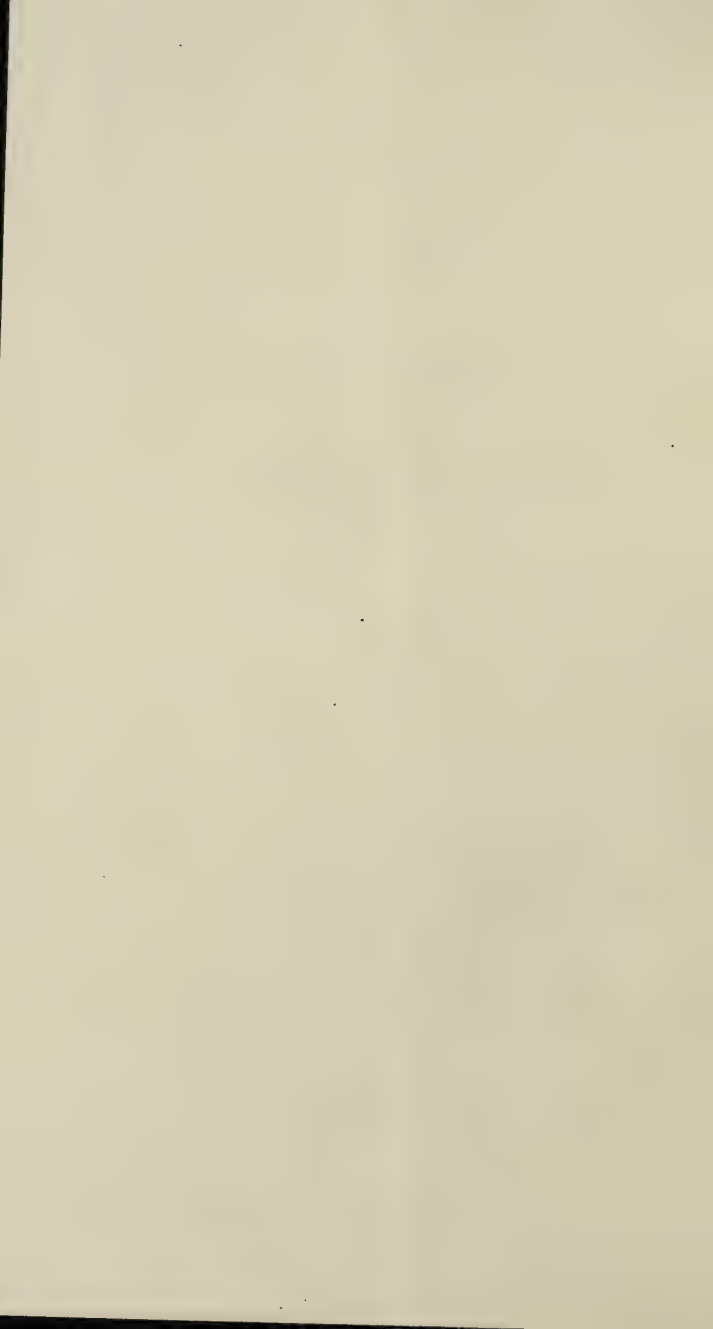
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RELIGIOUS OPINIONS OF EMINENT PERSONS.

"I am not less ardent in my wish that you may succeed in your plan of toleration in religious matters. Being no bigot myself to any mode of worship, I am disposed to indulge the professors of Christianity in the church with that road to Heaven which to them shall seem the most direct, plainest, easiest, and least liable to exception."—GEORGE WASHINGTON.

"I never will, by any word or act, bow to the shrine of intolerance, or admit a right of inquiry into the religious opinions of others. On the contrary, we are bound, you and I and every one, to make common cause, even with error itself, to maintain the common right of freedom of conscience. We ought, with one heart and one hand, to hew down the daring and dangerous efforts of those who would seduce the public opinion to substitute itself into that tyranny over religious faith which the laws have so justly abdicated."—THOMAS JEFFERSON.

"I live in the hope of the progressive advancement of Christian liberty, and I expect to abide by the same in death."—JOHN Q. ADAMS.

"I believe in one God, the Creator of the Universe; that he governs it by His providence; that He ought to be worshipped; that the most acceptable service we render to Him is doing good to His other children; that the soul of man is immortal, and will be treated with justice in another life, respecting its conduct in this. These I take to be the fundamental points in all sound religion."—BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

"I have never united myself to any Church, because I have found difficulty in giving my assent, without mental reservation, to the long, complicated statements of Christian doctrine which characterize their Articles of Belief and Confessions of Faith. When any Church will inscribe over its altar, as its sole qualification for membership, the Saviour's condensed statement of the substance of both Law and Gospel, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself,' that Church will I join with all my heart and all my soul."—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

"No men, or society of men, have any authority to impose their opinions or interpretations on any other; since, in matters of religion, every man must know, believe, and give an account for himself."—JOHN LOCKE.

Oh ! yet we trust, that somehow good
 Will be the final goal of ill,
 To pangs of nature, sins of will,
 Defects of doubt, and taints of blood ;

That nothing walks with aimless feet ;
 That not one life shall be destroyed,
 Or cast as rubbish to the void,
 When God hath made the pile complete ;

That not a worm is cloven in vain ;
 That not a moth, with vain desire,
 Is shrivelled in a fruitless fire,
 Or but subserves another's gain.

Behold ! we know not any thing :
 I can but trust that good shall fall
 At last,—far off,—at last to all,
 And every winter change to spring. —TENNYSON.

There is no death—what seems so, is transition.
 This life of mortal breath
 Is but a suburb of the life elysian,
 Whose portal we call death. —LONGFELLOW.

There is a day of sunny rest
 For every dark and troubled night.
 And grief may bide an evening guest,
 But joy shall come with early light.
 For God hath marked each sorrowing day
 And numbered every secret tear,
 And Heaven's long age of bliss shall pay
 For all his children suffer here. —BRYANT.

Yet love will dream, and faith will trust,
 That somehow, somewhere meet we must.
 Alas for him who never sees
 The stars shine through his cypress trees ;
 Who hath not learned in hours of faith,
 The truth to flesh and sense unknown,
 That Life is ever lord of Death,
 And Love can never lose its own. —WHITTIER.



Sunday Oct. 18. 1868.

130

School well attended. A new scholar added. Rev. J. L. Hatch spoke of Jesus' relation to amusements & the apocryphal narratives of his childhood.

Pastor gave a lesson on the Trinity. Notice was given of the meeting at Worcester. Rev. Mr. Bowen of Roxbury last Sunday in reporting the N. Y. Conference contrasted the want of hospitality displayed by the N. Y. Unitarians with the kind hospitality of last June.

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Rev. James L. Hatch ~~contrasted~~ preached a doctrinal sermon on "Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God," stating the Orthodox, Swedenborgian & Liberal views & considering the texts claimed on both sides. A clear & forcible sermon.

Bible. Parable of the Vine. Hymns. 183 - 264 - 27.

The pastor opened the prayer. & otherwise took part in the services.

Sunday Oct. 25. 1868.

132. Channing Class Day.

School. Increasing promptness in attendance. -121-

New hymns = "Latter Judgment Hymn" & Duett from "I Puritani".

Channing Exercises.

Duett: "O heavenly father, when the dawn is breaking."

Ella Allen & Almira Bruce.

Reading - Longfellow's "The Dawn is Done". Miss Cynthia Butler.

Composition - by Emma Rhoades, thanking the pastor for his efforts in the Sunday school.

Pastor's General lesson was on the life of Channing, the great exponent of liberal Christianity in this Century.

133

Bible. Micah 6. Hymns. 156 - 894 - 405.

Micah 6:8. "What ~~doth~~ the Lord require of thee but to do justly, love mercy & walk humbly with thy God?"

Oh so positive, & harder ^{than} sacrifices in Temple or Church Ceremonials or Creeds. Analysis of justice, mercy & humility. We are not merely to practice but love mercy.

God is Humble. When this text is slipperily used, as if God required little, I think God requires much - & what he requires, he requires, & will require, & hold us to account.

The anchor & cross placed here at the Anniversary service are still in the Church, & beautiful they are.

With sorrow we learn that Mrs. Jos. Clarke is in failing health.

Sunday Nov. 1st 1868

All Saints' & All Souls' Day.

134

School. Chapin Class Day. Raining but good attendance.
New hymn 108. "Oh worship the Father". &c - with a
Hallelujah Chorus.

Mrs. Hartshorn the Supt directed the exercises.
& did it well.

The custom of taking a penny collection was begun.
The pastor reported the Worcester Sunday School
Convention, recently attended.

Miss Kefau Wright, by direction of last Sunday, spoke
briefly, approving the Doctrinal lessons just begun by the
pastor.

Chapin exercises. Recitations by three boys.
Fred. Thompson: "The boy that never told a lie."
Arthur Walcott: "Good things of God".
"Rustic Home".

The question "What is Religion?" was answered by nearly
every person present - 45 answers, given in 34
~~different~~ ways. Sarah Ellis & Amos Shumway kept the
account.

Baptism, by his father, of the pastor's babe, age 8 mos.
Herbert Henry Wiggin. A few verses were read by the
pastor & School alternately. The Supt asked the
parents the proper questions - & the pastor offered the
prayer. All sang. hymn 615.

Collection \$1.70

In Memoriam Service

135.

All Souls.

Sentences of Consolation. & the 23^d psalm responsively with Chorus.
Payerful Sentences & Lord's Prayer Chanted.

Poem recited: "The spirits of the loved & the departed".

Hymn 502. "Clay to Clay".

Prayer. & Response - sliding into Chant = "Cast your burden on the Lord".

Old Testament Lesson. Job. 14.

Voluntary: "Come ye disconsolate".

New Testament. 1 Cor. 15: 35-49.

Hymn 577. "When the Vale of Death appears".

Sermon. 1 Cor. 15: 49. "As we have borne the image of the earthly - we shall also bear the image of the Heavenly".

Thoswaldsen's Simile: "The Clay is the Life; the Plaster, death & the Marble is the Resurrection".

Describing the process of Sculpture the metaphor was applied to the frail beauty of life; unloveliness of death & the glory of the future.

Silent prayer & Hymn 103. "Rest in Peace".

A waxed ~~surround~~ ^{flower} & cross from Miss Langley was on the pulpit. Also crosses ^{flower} in memory of Walter Russell, Mrs. Esther Ellis, John Grant & Katie Furner.

Mrs. Gardner remembered Miss Lucy Furner who was of us while she lived. & leaves no of interest.

Miss Bosworth placed on the pulpit a motto: "In Memory of the Dead".

136.

Communion at 6 1/2.

Bible. Luke 23-1-25. Trial of Jesus.

Hymns. 2-537 (in 2 parts) & 265. Congregational.

Organ music as usual.

Short sermon on Phil. 4:13. "I Can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me".

Jesus the inspirer & lighter of human hearts with sacred flame.

Allusions in the prayer to the day & its services.

The storm seriously affected the day's attendance, which was remarkable, considering how much people dread the rain.

Sunday. Nov. 8. 1868.

137

School well attended. Collection 62.
Rev. Geo. W. Stacey addressed the scholars - &c.

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Rev. G. W. Stacey occupied the pulpit, Mr. Wiggin
preaching by exchange in Sharon.

Subject: "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian".
What it is to be a Christian. Many anecdotes.

~~Mr. Daniel O. Hamant left church at some allusion
to the war being induced by lack of Christianity,
whereupon the preacher said - "Go on Brother don't stop till
you get to Canada!"~~
~~General sensation~~

Sunday Nov. 15. 1888.

139.

Good School.

Address by Dr. Allen.

Also from Bro. Henry Richardson. & a piece from
a Weicker boy. It was the Laird College class day
but the boys absented themselves

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The pastor preached in Northboro & Rev. Dr. Allen
- a native of Mfd - & Senior pastor of the N.
Chh occupied this pulpit; preaching on "a good
life & old age."

The memorial trimming still remains in the
church. & very pretty it is.

Parochial Events. Nov. 1868.

Crystal Wedding. Sat. Eve. Nov. 7.
Pastor made a speech. Eps. Shumway.

Conference. Wed. Eve. 11. Henry Parker's.
The weather was dull but attendance good & the subject - "What Can I do for the Chh?" elicited many excellent practical suggestions from several speakers.

Golden Wedding. Mr & Mrs. Gershom Adams. 1818-1868.
A banner from Miss Bosworth. A picture of "The Golden Wedding" from ~~some~~^{friend} in the town & parish. & a great variety of other gifts. 50 relatives present & ~~many~~ 30 other friends. Hymns from Rev. F. Prentiss Allen & Poems from Jos. Addison Allen & Jos. Henry Allen.
Refreshments. Rev. S. W. Bush made a fine prayer at the opening. Mr. Higgin said a few words - Dr. Allen read an address.

Crystal Wedding. Lowell & Cally (Hartshorn) Adams.
Eve. Nov. 20. P.M. Address by Pastor.

Silver Wedding. Samuel & Loisa Green -
Same date - & another speech -

Conference. Mr. Hewins! Nov. 25. 1868.
"Character of Judas." Pastor read a poem in Blackwood Magazine called "A Lawyer in Jerusalem" on this topic.

Sunday. Nov. 22. 1868.

141.

School full.

Pastor gave an account of the Northboro School which he visited last Sunday. Also a criticism on Mr. Wm Everett's (son of the great Edward Everett) new story, which was placed in the library, "Changing Base". — ~~A fine story but too pedestrian in parts, & jokes a little "far fetched".~~

The Laird Collyer class were remiss in the last Sunday exercises — & this was spoken of, & the boys exhorted to do their best. One boy, Weicker, tried & failed but "he hath done what he could".

General lesson was on "Two Natures in Christ". 2, as we have; one as we have — not a god-nature but a man-nature — "the man, Christ Jesus."

All scholars 8 yrs old were requested to bring tests committed next time.

142

Hymns 157-723-679. Lessons. Bible. Mai. 6th.

Sermon on "Fallen Leaves". Character remaining at Death.

Proclamation for Thanksgiving read. Text Mai. 6:13.

143

Evening Lecture on Marriage as Universal, Right, Holy, & not Deteriorating somewhat in public estimation. Text Matt. 19:10-11.
Bible. Marko. 19:11-15. Hymns. 123-901-851.

Good Congregations — but least in the ...

Sunday. Nov. 29. 1868.

144.

School well attended.

Rev. Geo. H. Piper of Canton told a story about Pres.
Committee chosen to get Evergreen for Christmas, & the
Classes were privately notified that the Collection
next Sunday would be to procure a gift for
Librarian Kingsbury.

145.

Brother Piper preached on the Doors that all men
are Brethren.

The pastor preached in Canton in the a.m. &
lectured at South Dedham in the Eve.

Pursuant to the within Warrant
I have notified & warned the
qualified voters in the First
Congregational Parish in Medfield
to meet at the time place and for the
purposes therein specified by posting an
attested Copy of the same on the
front part of their Meeting House
Seven days before said day and time.
Gilman Carr

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Norfolk Co. S. S.

To Gilman Cary, a legal voter and a member of the First Congregational Parish in Medfield.

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the First Congregational Parish in Medfield qualified to vote in Parish affairs, to meet at their Vestry on Monday the ninth day of March current, at one o'clock P.M. then and there to act upon the following articles

Art. I. To choose a Moderator of said meeting.

Art. II. To choose all necessary Parish officers for the year ensuing.

Art. III. To hear reports of Auditor, Treasurer and Collector and act thereon.

Art. IV. To hear and act upon the report of the trustees of the Ministerial Fund.

Art. V. To grant such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Parish for the year ensuing.

Art. VI. To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto us - the Assessors at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six

Joseph A. Allen } Parish Assessors
William H. Gould }
Willard Harwood }

Sunday Dec. 6. 1868.

146

School well attended notwithstanding a storm the day previous & much snow on the grounds.

General Lesson on Homement.

Miss Sarah Wright spoke on the Singing of the School.

Pastor reported the Canton School in fine condition.

Mrs. Dr. Richardson was chosen chairwoman of a Committee to arrange the exercises for Xmas Eve., & Mr. Geo. Kingsbury to get the tree, & the girls in young & adult Sunday classes to see the parishioners about gifts & subscriptions.

"Doster Brothers" & Pastor's "Smoking & Drinking" were placed in the Library.

Scholars of 8 yrs old repeated Scripture texts.

New tunes learned = "When I'm happy - hear me sing".
& a Xmas hymn-tune.

The collection was taken for Mrs. Kingsbury's gift.

147

Regular Service in P. M.

Hymns 56-199-61. Bible. Acts 5.

Sermon on Gamaliel's Confidence in Truth (Acts 5:30-32) the lack of which causes persecution of opinions & sake, in time past & now. Our denomination recognizes all others as Christian, & alone in Christendom represents the great principle of religious toleration. In no other could such a plan as the one in progress, ~~be~~ imitated from the

Potts St. Chapel lectures, be planned & executed.
Without a row.

One new family — the Richardsons from Medway —
added to parish & School.

Many outsiders present to hear in p. m.

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At 7 Rev. B. H. Cooley of East Medway officiated,
wearing his white robe. The pastor in black robe —
read the hymns. Mr. Cooley read the Scriptures & a
few Eccl. prayers & preached a sermon, "giving a reason for
the faith in him", referring to the Orders, vestments,
liturgy, Apostolic Succession, &c. A fair sermon & well
given, ~~but somewhat confused~~.

Mr. C. was very gentlemanly in all his arrangements for
the service & in his treatment of his theme. Sunday outsiders
were here & a very few Episcopalians. Mr. C. was ac-
companied by his wife & some friends.

This lecture — 1st of a series to be given by clergymen
of different denominations.
Subject of this: "Why am I an Episcopalian?"

Funeral of Fred. Adams.
son of Dr. Geo. & Martha Adams - died in
Boston. Sun. morn. 5 Dec. Congestion of Lungs.

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Service in chh. Tues. Dec. 8. noon.

Service by pastor; - Rev. C. C. Sewall unable to be
present.

Hymns 496-498-585. Bible. Ps. 107:1-16. 1 Cor. 15:1-26.

Verses read. "How little of ourselves we know". &c.

Remarks on the impossibility that God would ever endow
a young man with amiability & helpfulness. & then either
permit him to die forever, or be forever separated
from God & holiness & goodness. Reference to the Golden
Wedding of his grandparents, since which two have gone.
Closed with verses - "Shadows never far from Sunshine".

The prayer referred to different members of the family. &
the pleasantness of the deceased.

Beautiful flowers.

The burial party came from the City in a storm
on Monday, but the Sun shone on Tuesday,
though there were flaws of snow & rain, & the
going was bad.

4 young men acted as bearers - 4 from
Boston.

Events in Dec 1868.

Conference. Henry Richardson's. A good meeting.
Fall upon Rev. Richd Metcalf's sermon on the Stultifying vote of the National Conference. Wed. Dec. 2.

Sewing Circle. Elman Mason's. Well attended.
Thurs. Dec. 3.

Coterie. Fri. Dec. 4. Daniel D. Curtis'.
Some 50 persons took part. & \$6.21 collected in 10 ct fines.

Fableaux. Lost Waterfall.

Overstaked.

Raising a Beard.

Phrenological Examination.

Sweet Home.

Arranged by
Mrs. Wiggins

Vivant.

A farce, "Change of Base" by Dr. Richardson, Albert Stone,
Mrs. Grover & Miss Mary Hewins.

Dialogue "Fortune Telling" by several girls.

"Hypochondriac". Emma & Carrie Dorst.

Duett piano & violin Miss Robinson & Mr. Pope.

Baby made of fingers - by Mrs Wiggins.

Declamations by Eudora & Mrs Shumway, & Emma Rhodes.

Reading - Mary Buttery.

Synthetic Exercises - Miss Bodsworth

Singing - "Bobolink" by Miss Robinson's scholars.

& music by the children generally.

Miss Rich of Maine fainted.

Sunday. Dec. 13. 1868

156

School well attended.

New hymn & chorus - 875 - from "Virginia Rosebud".

Continued ~~collection~~ for the Librarian.

Reports of Committees on Free &c.

The pastor gave some further account of the Charities of the Canton Sunday School. & called the attention of the scholars to the Rev. Mr. Charpiot's lecture on "Manliness" given in town Thur. eve., & to the lecturer's eventful history & fall into drunkenness.

General lesson on Abstinence.

157

Bible 1 Cor. 14: 1-19. Hymns. 842-823-805.

Sermon on "Religious Conferences". 1 Cor. 14: 26. "Every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine" &c.

The Apostolic Custom of Conferences was considered, also their history & the objections to them which are urged among us - 14 in number.

Delegates to the Co. Conference to meet in Walpole Wed. 16. Mr. & Mrs. Noah Allen, Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Adams, Mr. & Mrs. Russell, Chas. & Abby Russell, Sarah Clark, Erwin Curtis, Alice Hamant, Mary Bussey, Mr. & Mrs. Goulding.

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6 1/2 & 7 1/2 precisely

Conference in Church. with the afternoon subject upon the tapis. Singing from the new book. Short remarks from Bros. Geo. Kingsbury, Robt Pope, Chas. Hamant, & Is. May, & all

Xmas Eve. Meeting of Committee Sun. eve. after Conference.
+ on Mon. Eve. at Dr. Richardson's a meeting to sew for
the tree.

County Conference. Walpole. Dec. 16. Wed. Attended
by most of the delegates & several others - 24 in all.
The pastor served on the nominating Committee. ~~Bro~~
~~Bro Sewall has faithfully~~
~~occupied his place, but it is a the class office, & it was~~
~~felt that a younger man should fill it.~~ The pastor was also
chosen one of the ~~Trustees~~ ^{Trustees}. Mr. Hinckley is the new Secy.

Sewing Circle. Geo. Smith's. Thur. Dec. 17.

Xmas Eve. Committee meeting. The pastor & Mrs. Dr.
Richardson go to Boston for the needed purchases &c.
The pastor was detained by illness on his 2^d trip &
unable to return & assist in the preparations as he
wished.

Sewing Circle Saml Ellis'. Dec. 31. 1868. Thur. Eve.
" " J. W. Page's. Jan. 14. 1869. " "
" " Elman Mason's. Jan. 28.

Conference. Wed. Jan. 13. 1869. Wm. Hewins'.
Subject: Dr. Ewer's sermons on "Failure of Protestantism".

Sunday. Dec. 20. 1868.

153

School full, considering the snow falling.
New tune "~~Let us sing~~" & adapted to Christmas words.
Children of 7 recited texts.

Miss Julia Mullen made a speech about the school.
The general lesson was on the "Atonement" & "Salvation".
The "Christmas Class" gave exercises as follows.

Reading Responses with the pastor, & also a prayer,
from printed slips. Music: "A Christmas Carol."

Recitations. "Child's Dream of Heaven," Carry Frost.

"Christmas Morn" — Annie Clarke.

Emma Bruce.

Mary Ann Ellis.

154

Bible. 1 Cor. 13. Hymns. 111-350-67.

Sermon on "now abideth these 3" & 1 Cor. 13:13.

An attempt to show the Apostles' thought; the stress to be
laid on "abideth". 1. Miracles subordinated to Character. 2.
Faith, Hope & Charity endure in the Character. 3. These three
principles correspond to Father, Christ & the Spirit.

Good attendance considering the weather.

Rev. Geo. Hill of Dedham was to lecture in the eve.
but did not come on account of bad weather.

Xmas Eve. & Tree.

Thurs. Dec. 24.

Many friends busy trimming during the day.
Hedrons of Evergreen, "Star in the East", Stage in
Centre of Vestry end, & tree by its side.

Tableaux. "Home Sweet Home"; "Santa Claus filling
the socks"; - "Dawn, with night disappearing."
"Morning"; "Lord's Prayer".

Duett - St. Claus - by Linnie & Jennie Clarke.

Quartettes by Dr. Richardson, Geo. Bigelow, Mrs. Hewins
& Mattie Robinson.

Music by the Children - "Christmas Tree", "Venite
Adoremus" & "Carol".

Chas. Ylman Esq. acted as the Saint & distrib-
uted the gifts from the tree, & made merriment by
producing many ornamented pipes for "Joseph A.
Page".

Librarian Kingsbury rec'd from the School a dozen
forks, pie knife, napkin rings & butter knife \$11.50
Miss Robinson, the organist, from General Contribution
a set of furs - \$16.50. The pastor \$50.50 in money.
The teachers generally gave presents to scholars &
Classes to teachers. The gifts generally were
nice & valuable. A few of course dissat-
isfied with their share. Most gifts were private.

After the gifts "Change of Base" was played
by Messrs Goulding & Stone & Mrs. Groves & Miss
Mary Wendins. On the tree were dolls, books &c.
John J. Adams of N.Y. gave 4 doz. gloves. Others \$50 in money.

Sunday. Dec. 27. 1888.

School well attended.

155

General lesson on "Punishment" & "Sin".

New Xmas music: "Lift Ye Yeasts in Adoration", & Milton's "Xmas hymn", "Not war nor battleland".

Abbie Hartshorn touchingly recited "Little Gretchen" which had been omitted Thurs. night.

The Comm. inquired for any scholars who had been inadvertently omitted in the gifts, but found none.

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Rev. C. S. Locke kindly gave the pastor a help. Preaching from the text "Peace on Earth" to be found by pursuing righteousness.

Hymns. 3-207-53. Bible Luke 2. Xmas.

Recently a new order of service has been adopted. The minister introduces service with a few sentences which are followed by the Responsive Service with the Choir in the "Carmina Alterna" & an Invocation, after which service proceeds in the usual way.

Xmas Vespers. Eve. 6 1/2.

Organ Voluntary.

Reading of the "Magnificat" during soft music.

Anthem.

Mrs. Hemans' "Voices of the Night".

"Carmina Alterna" for Xmas.

Prayer & flute stop response.

Hymn 218. "When Shepherd watched their flocks".
(Sherborn - a fugue tune.)

Old Testament Lesson Isai. 11.

Sacred Song.

New Testament. Luke 1 & 2 selections.

Hymn 225. "O let yr mingling voices rise".

Sermon, short, "Of his fulness have all we rec'd".

Jesus' influence & our indebtedness.

Silent Prayer & Lord's Prayer Chanted.

Congregational Hymn - 74. "To thee be praise forever".

On Sat. p. m. Mrs. Wiggin & a few other ladies united in trimming the Chbr. On either side of the pulpit a green cross, & a white velvet cross, large, made by the Hishers, ornamented with a smaller green. Wreaths & festoons here & there.

The pastor had so far recovered from Friday's illness as to preach.

Sunday. Jan. 3. 1869.

New Years Sunday.

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School. Snowy Streets.

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More hymns sung than usual to gratify the pastor's mother who was present.

Dr. Richardson made an excellent speech on the Sunday School work, the new year &c., bringing in many happy incidents. Very effective.

General Lesson on Sin, Punishment, Salvation.

The New Year's Class had their day, but only recited two poems - but those were given very well.

Last Sunday the "Graytons & Davenants" by Mrs. Charles, & today "Little Women" by Miss. Hcott, were placed in the library.

159

Bible. Luke 22: 19 &c. Hymns. 717-283-527. relating to the New Year & Communion & Christian Freedom.

Sermon on "Free Communion" 1 Cor. 11: 28. "Let every man examine himself" &c. Reasons for admitting all who choose to come, that we are not judges of other men; that Jesus & Apostles made it free; that it is not a badge of religious profession; nor test of character; that Christianity makes all things free; that it is Christ's table not ours; that it grieves us to see any depart as if unwelcome. All were asked to remain & all did - while bro. John Ellis & Geo. Smith graciously passed the elements. Closed with Benediction from the pulpit.

Sunday Jan. 10. 1869

Rev. Wm. Hamilton, Pastor of the new Society in
Hyde Park on Exchange with the pastor.

160

Sunday School as usual.

Mr. Hamilton sermonized on the 1st Palm.

161

Mr. Hamilton preached on the "Power of Purpose in
Religion." — "Command this Mountain to be removed."
It was much liked.

Miss Sarah Weld, a daughter of Theo. Weld of great
good notoriety, to whom Mr. Hamilton is shortly to
be wedded, came with him.

Jan. 9. 1869. Walter Hoisington & Emma Frost of this
Parish were married in Boston by Rev. Mr. Murray of
Park St. Chh. — ~~_____~~

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Sunday. Jan. 17. 1869.

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School. -118-

Speech from Miss Bosworth.

New book "Seen & Unseen" by T. S. Arthur.

New Song: "Praise ye Jehovah's name" - to the tune
"Out in the breezy mirth".

General lesson on Resurrection & Immortality.

163

Bible. Luke 12:1-21. Hymns. 433-876-83.

Sermon on Luke 12:4. "Be not afraid of them that
kill the body & after that have no more that they
can do." Man's moral Independence of other
men, Satan, Temptation, God.

Good attendance.

164

Ev. 5p. Rev. Mr. Thurber of Walpole - Congre-
gational Unitarian - ~~will~~ preached on the Bible -
its use & Inspiration - giving the modern or-
thodox idea of Inspiration, claiming that the claim
made by the Bible establishes the fact.

He used the common text: "All Scripture is
given by ~~by~~ Inspiration". The sermon, ~~though~~
~~fallacious in many points~~, was very carefully
written & ably delivered to a fine congregation.

Parochial Events.

Conference. Jan. 20. '69. Robt Pope Jr. S.
Continuation of the Consideration of Dr. Coker's sermon
on the Failure of Protestantism.

Sewing Circle. Jan 28. '69. Elman Mason's.

Coterie. Fri. Eve. Jan. 30. Curtis Hall.

2 Songs. Nattie Robinson.

Quartet. " " Geo. Bigelow, A. Stone & Mrs. Hurlins.

Declamations by Amos & Wm Shumway.

Comm. drum = Miss Bosworth.

Reading - Sara Shumway.

" - "Death of Little Joe." Mrs. Wiggins.

"The faithful clock" - recitation by the pastor.

"Snow flakes." Sarah Ellis.

2 tableaux of Ancient Costumes.

Mrs. Fisher & Sarah Sewell.

"Invisible Prince" - ditto.

Messrs Balch & Morse acted as Curtain holders -
the stage being extemporé.

Mr. Pope played the violin.

Recitations by Albert Stone. "Bug" - & "Patriotism".

Fines \$6.15 for the good.

Ministerial Association with Rev. C. S. Locke of West Bethel.

Sunday Jan. 24. 1869.

School. -131-

165

New time: "Heavenly Rest" = "What if the drop of rain should say."

Recitations by every boy in the St. Paul class.

General lesson on "Heaven" & "Hell."

166

Bible. Luke 12:35 through Hymns 195-298 94.

Sermon on the Danger of the Soul in the sin against the Holy Spirit: i. e. the Holy Soul & God's influences.

Moral Freedom intact exercised either in virtue or sin. Luke 12:10.

A summy day & good attendance.

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Eve. 7 1/2.

Hymns 850-891-89.

Sermon - 3d lecture in Course, by Rev. Geo. Will & South Dedham.

"Why am I a Universalist?"

1 Pet 3:21. "Reason for hope in him".

Text finally Rom. 14:22.

"Least thou faith - have it to thyself before God"

Hyde Park. Mon. Eve. Jan. 25.

Pastor met the parish there in a private house.
to give an account of the Medfield Sunday School.

West Dedham. Tues. Eve. 19 Jan.

Pastor gave his lecture there, (in a free course,) on
"Beautifulness & Modesty."

Ditto. No. Easton. Jan. 27. Wed. Eve.

Feb. 4. Conference postponed by a storm.

The winter weather is wonderful - For a month
no snow, & now a little, barely enough for sleighing.

Sunday Jan. 31. 1869.
168

School. -120-

St. James Class day. Only one boy, Leury Goulding, had any part.

New Hymn: "Oh my soul unceasing pray" to the tune "Skater's Song."

Pastor spoke of his Conference on Sunday Schools at Hyde Park last Mon.

Mr. Pope made an address.

General lesson on Endless Misery.

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Bible. Mark 2: 15 through Hymns 114-878-77.

Sermon on I Cor. 3:14. "If any man's work abide".

"Importance of distinguishing between the substance of truths & its form", illustrated by sundry doctrines both Christian & heathen.

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Even. lecture by Rev. Theron Brown of Canton: "Why am I a Baptist?" Mr. Brown gave some account of his own position & discussed chiefly the mode & subjects of Baptism, with brief allusions to the work of the Baptist Chh for soul-liberty, liberty in religion, ("not religious liberality") & civil liberty; also its steadfastness to sacraments & doctrines Calvinistic

Bible Psalm. 119: 1-15 Hymns. 887-887 411.

Good attendance at all services.

Sunday. Feb. 7. 1889.

171

School: less lively than usual.
Lesson on "Universal Salvation" & review.
New hymn 606. tune. "Caravan March" ~~for the~~

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Bible last $\frac{1}{2}$ of I Cor. Hymns 836-198-82.
Sermon from 1 Cor. 14:31. "All Prophecy - or preach-
me by one, that all may learn & all be Comforted."
Values of Conferences. 1. All Successful chhs have them.
whereof many illustrations were given. 2. Education is
the drawing out of the individual. 3. Training school for
young Christians, both for work & ministers. 4. Place for
the Concentration of the relig. influence of the parish.
Many ~~Strangers~~ present.

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Conference. Eve. at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$. One hour.
Bro. Robert Pope jr read prayer & responded with us.
Much singing.
The subject: "What think ye of Christ?" was spoken
to by two brethren, & the determination to make these
meetings successful was strong.

Sunday Feb. 14. 1869.

174

School as usual. No Clergyman present
Verses recited. Bad walking.

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Rev. C. S. Locke in exchange with Rev. C. C. Sewall
who had the supply.

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Conference in Church conducted entirely by
members of the parish, Bro. W. Kingsbury leading
with the subject of "Charity". Bro. Richardson prayed.
Mrs. Wiggins, Mr. Albert Balch & others spoke.

A success very gratifying to the minister who
was not present to witness it, being in New
York on a visit.

Parochial Events

Sewing Circle. Thurs. Eve. Feb. 11. A. J. Furness.

Death on Mon. Feb. 22. in East Medway of Mrs. Sarah Townsend ("Judge") Williams. Mrs. W. was connected with the family in this parish, but was a strong Episcopalian & was buried from St. Clements' Church, Medway, with considerable ~~force of~~ Ritualism & the "Holy Celebration" so called. ~~Most of the~~ ~~the absence of all her relatives, whose wishes~~ ~~in the matter of her funeral were disregarded, by the~~ ~~the Church people.~~

Sewing Circle. Mrs. Wm Hewins. Thurs. Eve. March 6.
Pastor absent lecturing in Dover. this eve.

" " Rev. C. C. Sewalls. Thurs. Mch 11. /69.
Full attendance & a good meeting. Fair decided for May.

" " Geo. Smith's. Thurs. Mch. 18. /69.

" " Robt Pope Jr. " " 25 /69

Decided to hold fair June 1st & pastor announced that he had procured enough advertisement to publish a "Fair" paper.

Sewing Circle. Apr. 1. Moses Hartschorn's.

" " Pastor's. Apr. 8. Full.

" " Saml Ellis. " 15. p.m. & eve. Full.

Sunday. Feb. 21. 1869.

177

School. Lesson on "Judgment" & "Holy Spirit".
Pastor spoke of the boy choir in Trinity Chh N.Y.
New hymn 834 - "Now the shades of night are gone,
the time: "Through this house give glimmering light".
from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" - ~~Shakespeare~~ ^{Ludolph}

The Washington Class recited poems & sang
"God Speed the Night"

Mrs. Hewins spoke of the former low estate of the
Sunday-School & its present prosperity.

By mistake the order of service was changed &
the general lesson came after the classes & not before.

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Hymns: 26-185-184. "The good Shepherd"

Bible. Isai. 40:10 through.

Sermon on Psalm 23:1. "The Lord is my Shepherd
I shall not want". Hymns not doctrinal. God
being our Shepherd we shall not want either in
body or soul, & future life is the guarantee of the
power of spiritual grace therein.

Pastor Sat. night returned from North York

179

Lecture on "Methodism", its doctrines, usages,
& history: by Rev. Mr. Martin: Methodist
pastor from North Walpole. Well attended.

Hymns. 846-428-59.

Coterie. Curtis Hall. Feb. 25. Thurs. Eve. 1869.

A full attendance.

A play: "The Little Treasure" was performed with this cast: Sir Chas. & Lady Howard, by Mr. Bullard & Mrs. Groves; Gertrude & Walter by Mary Hewins & Albert Stone; Mrs. Middleton, Sarah Sewell; Servants by Carrie Frost & Amos Thumway & Joe Johnson; Pluttemore, Mr. Groves.

The proceeds \$7.50 to be used in payment of Curtains &c. Mrs. Wiggin recited Hood's "Bridge of Sighs". Mr. Wiggin read a little poem, "Snow". Carrie Frost gave the Legend of Ellmontrose. Mrs. Simon Stone of Stow: "The Flying Machine". Sarah Sewell, "Barbara Prentiss". Emma Rhodes read a selection Tondora Thumway.

Mr. Albert Balch Presided very admirably.

Sunday Feb. 28. 1869.
180

School well attended by adults. 411.

Sundry visitors.

General lesson on "Forgiveness"

New tune: "Jewels of the Mind" to the 338th hymn
"Know oh soul thy full salvation".

A letter from Mr. H. Bagley, of Meadville
asking information about the "play copy" - as he
calls it - library "Register," here in use.

181

Bible. II Cor. 5:11-5:11. Hymns. 190-903-100.

Sermon on "Coöperation with God" - 2 Cor. 5:11 =
"Workers together with him".

God works & we with him by 1. Purity; 2. Daily
Duties; 3. Self Consecration. 4. Saving others. These
4 stages are distinct, yet they blend & are
progressive.

Attendance good but ^{making} weather bad & many
sick.

182

Conference in Eve.

Conducted by Mr. Henry H. F. Richardson.

Subject: "Spread of Christianity".

Much singing, & speaking by Dr. Richardson,
Mr. Balch, the pastor, & prayer by him.

Sunday March 7. 1869.

183

School. Weather very cold & school therefore somewhat thin.

New tune: "Heaven lean to thee Great person" from "Martha" adapted to "Hark what mean those holy voices".

Lesson "Repentance".

New book. 2d vol. "Young America Abroad". Oliver Optic.
Star King Class day. Mary Carey read a piece of "Jewels"
& Miss Eliza Richardson on Star King's life.

Mr. Samuel Green addressed the school in turn.

184

Bible II Cor. 11: 18 through. Hymns 266 - 888.

Sermon on Col. 1: 24. "Filling out the afflictions of Christ",
showing 1. that human afflictions are in a line with those
of Christ. This not sufficient for the world's redemption. & 2.
that we can enter into those afflictions & must do so.

Hymn 615 - baptismal preceded the baptism of Mrs.
Geo. Morse & Misses Sarah & Hester Wright, who then
received the right hand of fellowship & books from the
pastor. After a voluntary from the choir, the com-
munion was administered, the people all staying.

Then with him too we separated.

Many strangers at Chh.

For convenience the table was against the pulpit
& the Cross being upon it, & the pastor compelled to
turn his back to the people, the effect was quite
"Altarlike"; One Protestantism has no Altar."

Sunday March 14. 1869.

185.

Rev. W. G. Spaulding of Framingham preached in exchange.

School. Singing unusually good: so reported.
Mr. Spaulding made an address in "Light" & praised the music.

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Hymns. 25-164 & 2.

Sermon on "Prayer". "Say our Father"

187

Eve. Lecture on "Unitarianism" by Mr. Spaulding - being the 6th of the series.

The special topic was the "Humanities of Exist." this age being the only age when Humanity could be appreciated because it is preëminently humane.

Hymns 847-271-262.

The roads in very sad condition. I Mr. S. had a hard drive over.

Pastor's family absent on a Cambridge visit

Sunday. Mch 21. 1889.

Palm Sunday. 188.

School well attended.

General Lesson on Redemption, Conversion, Regeneration, Repentance.

Palm Sunday. Class of boys recited poems & did it very well.

Pastor spoke of the School at Framingham & urged to a more general participation in the prayer & music. ~~on account of the fatigue which took in this respect entails upon his voice.~~

New tune from "Il Giuramento" adapted to Hymn 117 "Thou in whom we live & move."

The new fashion was adopted of having the closing prayer selected by a scholar.

Walking bad.

189

Weather cold.

Hymns 830 - 242. "Coronation". In place of the 2d hymn a selection appropriate to the day was sung.

Bible. The Triumph recorded in Luke.

Sermon on Matt. 21: 405. "Behold thy King Cometh" &c.

The entrance to Jerusalem not an illustration of Humility, as often supposed but a triumph. 1. It fulfils prophecy & impresses. 2. It was almost the only instance of such triumph in Jesus' life. 3. It was short-lived. & the crowd was fickle. 4. Christ's true triumph was different & spiritual. & 5. It has & will come.

190

Pastor absent for a Lecture in Canton.
Conference. Conducted by Dr. Richardson

Easter.
March 28. 1869.
A lovely Spring Day.
191

School well attended.

New book = "Rectory of Moreland."

New tune from "Martha" to hymn 111 "Bright the Vision."

Mr. John H. Locke of the Cambridge Divinity School made a short address on Southern prisons &c.

Mrs. Lopham Adams spoke in the teachers course of the high place occupied by our Sunday School, which it might retain if it would.

The Easter Class gave recitations, mostly relating to Easter Sunday & the Resurrection of Jesus.

Pastor's Doctrinal lesson on Regeneration & Justification.

Albert Stone selected the closing hymn.

192

Easter Carmina & Sentences.

Bible Matt 6th last half. Hymns 120 & 187 & 57.

Mr. Locke preached a sermon on "Confidence in God." The Text was "I shall not want," but the sermon did not touch that. The points dwelt upon were the difference between the Ancient & Modern Conception of Deity & Confidence in Him the latest thought, enforced by quotations from Channing & Parker. A well written sermon ~~but lacking depth of thought, & spiritual power~~
Pastor conducted opening services. Good attendance.

Easter Vespers
Sun. Eve. Mch 28. 1869.

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1. Organ Voluntary.
2. Sentences during soft music.
4. Recitation of an Easter Poem by Bonar.
"Here must death's triumph end: the locked barred door."
3. Easter Song.
5. "Carmina" for Easter. Psalm 24.
6. Prayer & Organ Response.
7. Hymn 239. "Hosanna - let us join & sing".
8. Old Testament Lesson. Isai 61. "The Spirit of Jehovah is on me."
9. Easter Anthem.
10. New Testament. John 20:1-18. Story of the Resurrection.
11. Hymn 542 "Eternal God, how frail is man".
12. Sermon: John 11:25. "I am the Resurrection & the Life".
This must have been uttered from a depth of spiritual Consciousness of a position in the universe not belonging to common men. Jesus is this not because he is the author of Immortality, not because he clears away outside obstacles to human progress, but because of his Communication of spiritual & moral force to humanity, that causes it to rise out of sin & endows it with God's Spirit.
13. Silent Prayer & Lord's Prayer Chanted.
14. Congregational Hymn - 13. Lenox.
15. Benediction.

The First Church and Parish in Dedham

to the Church and Society in Medfield,

under the pastoral care of the Rev. James H. Wagoner.

Greeting:

The parish having unanimously invited the Rev. George M. Folsom to settle in the ministry as pastor of said parish, and he having accepted the invitation, we respectfully request you to be present, by your pastor and delegate, to assist at the installation, on the thirty-first day of March, next, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

The council will meet at the vestry of the parish at six o'clock.

*Read March 28 &
Mr. John Ellis elected
delegate & he attended
without the Pastor.*

WILLIAM CHICKERING,
IRA RUSSELL,
ELIPHALET STONE,
NATHANIEL SMITH,
JAMES FOORD,
ALFRED HEWINS,
FREDERICK M. HAYNES,

} Committee.

Dedham, March 23, 1869.

The churches invited are the Second, Brattle Street, South Congregational, and Church of the Disciples, Boston: First Religious Society, and Mount Pleasant Congregational Church, Boston Highlands; First Church, Cambridge; Harvard Church, Charlestown: First Church, Dorchester; the Churches in Brighton, Brookline, Cambridgeport, Canton, Dover, Jamaica Plain, Medfield, Milton, Newton Corner, Quincy, South Natick, Walpole, West Dedham, and West Roxbury: First Church, Groton; First Church, Framingham; First Church, Fitchburg: First Church, North Chelsea; First Church, Portland.

Sunday. Apr. 4. 1869.

194

School full.

New tune, "Heavenly Grace" = adapted to hymn 461.

"My God, my Father while I stray."

New book: "no such word as fail".

General lesson on Regeneration, Faith, ~~Prayer~~ Justification.
Religion & Theology.

Some orthodox Sunday school periodicals published
in Chicago passed to the classes & teachers.

195

Regular service well attended.

Bible. last half of John first.

Hymns. 535-598-590. Immortality.

Sermon on John 1:57. "Hereafter ye shall see
Heaven opened" - the motto simply for a discus-
sion of Miss "Undover orthodox" Phelps' new book
"Gates Ajar": whose strange ideas of the future
like are delighting the "evangelicals" yet tend to
the direct overthrow of orthodoxy & the establish-
ment of Liberalism. Sermon was preached
entirely without notes & with the book in hand.
Many strangers present.

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Conference well attended. Conducted by Mr.
Charles Hartshorn - Dr. Richardson, Henry
Richardson, Mr. Balch, Robt. Tope jr & pastor
took part. Hours 7-8.

Sunday Apr. 11. 1869.

197

School June. — 123 — Walker Day.

New tune: "Life's Battle Field" — hymn. 183. "Father
lover of my soul".

New book. "Gates Ajar".

Lesson on Prayer & Review.

Through the pastor 100 Copies of the Arlington st.
Service book have been received from that church
& today were used for the first time. The pastor
preached in Walpole in the a.m. but returned
during the school to give the necessary instruction.
The following is the order of its use.

Responsive Reading of a Selection.

Some hymn verse sung spontaneously.

Prayer for the Sunday, without announcement.

Response on the Instrument.

Doxology spoken. by all - for the Sunday.

The Walker class had exercises; recitations 2 in number.

198

Hymns. 742 (Spring) 47. (Truth). Anthem in place of 2d hymn.

Bible. John. 18 last half - Trial of Jesus.

Sermon on John 18:37. Jesus witnessing to the Truth By 1st

Thought; 2^d Action; 3^d Life; 4th Speech. So ought
we. Many Strangers present.

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Conference conducted by Mr. Robert Pope Jr.

Pastor preached in East Medway West 8th.

~~Sunday April 18 1869.~~

1869.

Parish Meeting.

This meeting was held in March as usual
& utmost harmony prevailed.

Chas. Hamant.

D. D. Curtis.

Moses Hartshorn.

} Standing Committee.

D. D. Curtis also Treasurer & Collector.

Finances reported in excellent condition.

Debts paid to March 1st.

House insured. Pews occupied.







